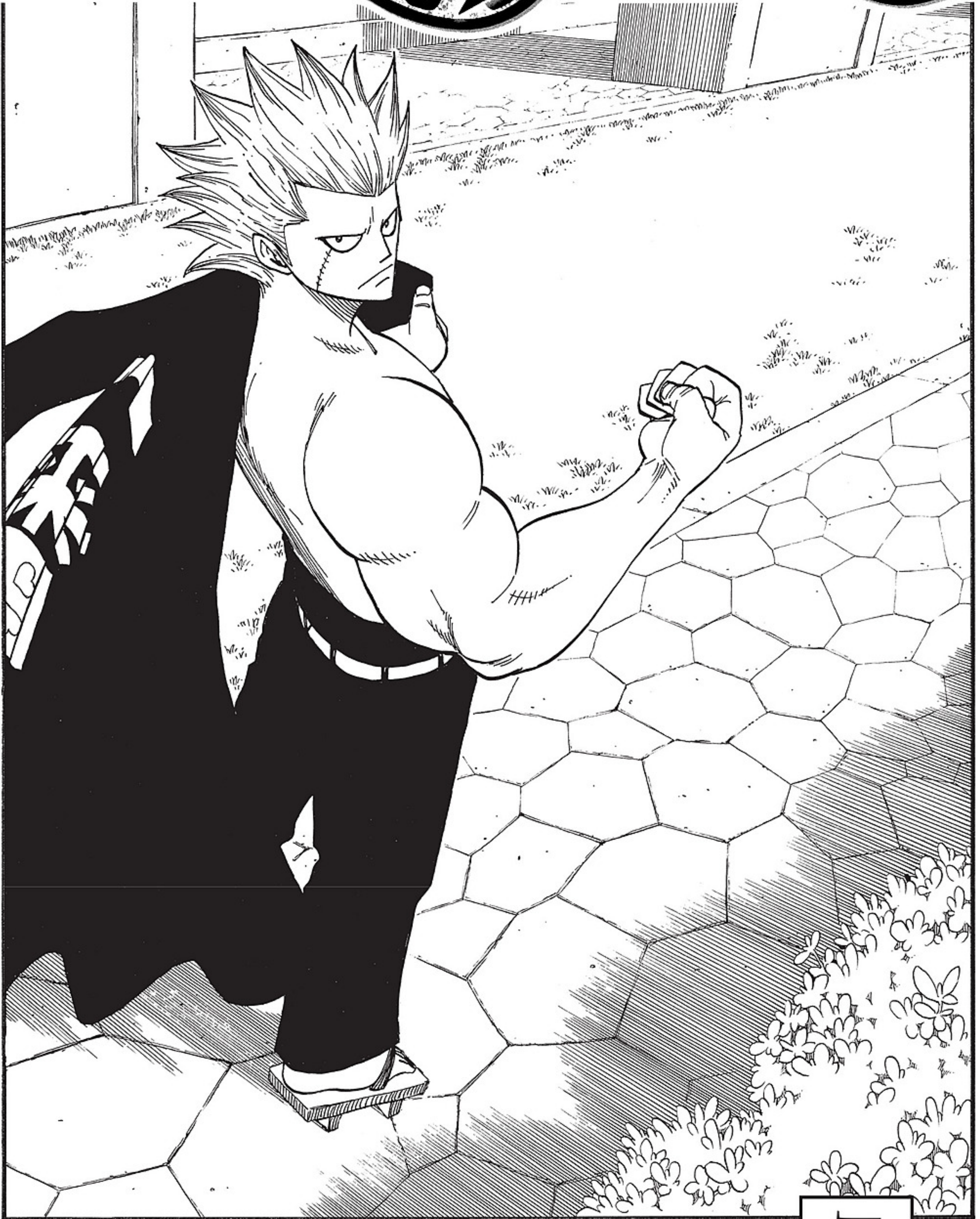




Hiro Mashima

Creator of *Rave Master*

FAIRY TAIL

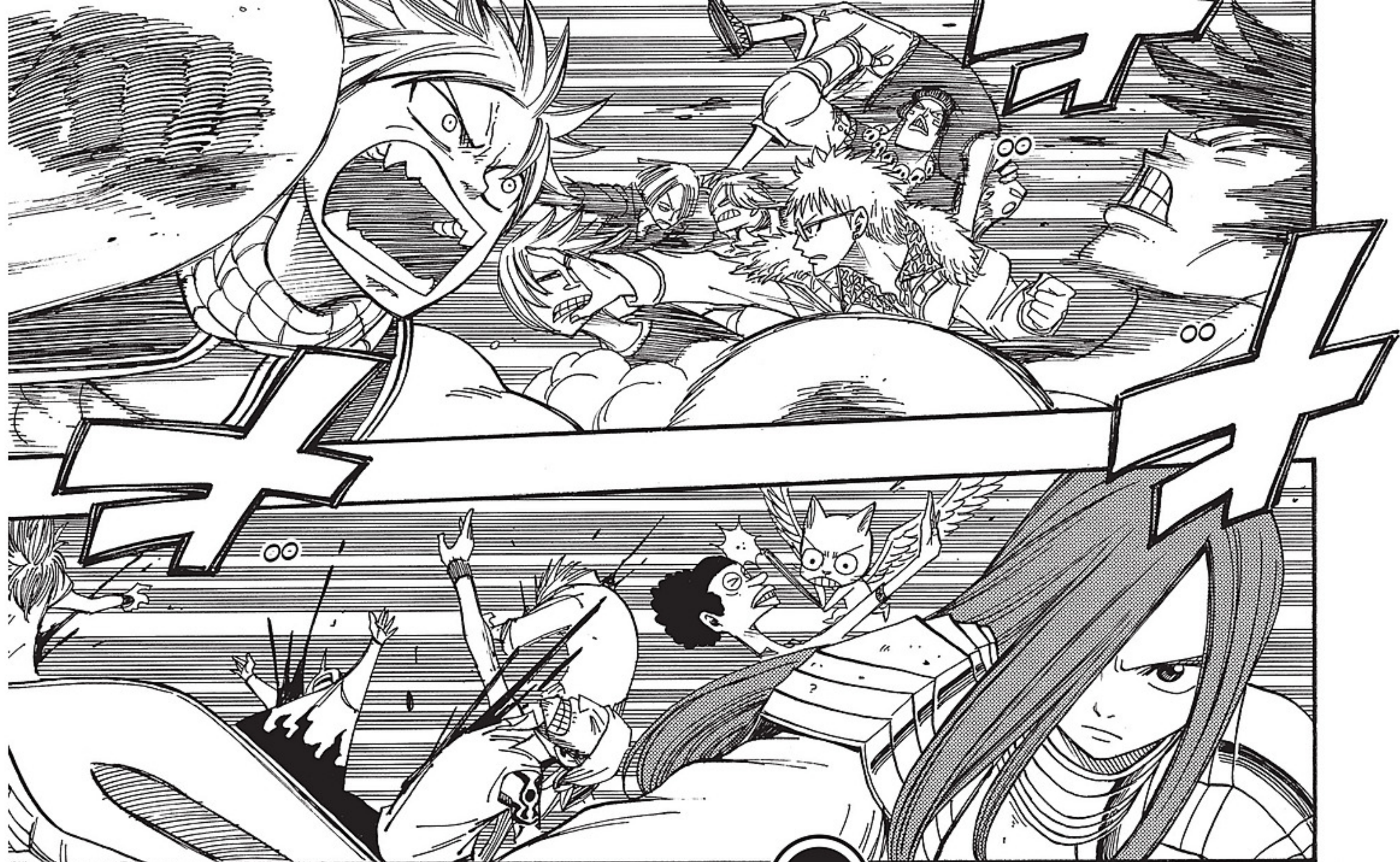


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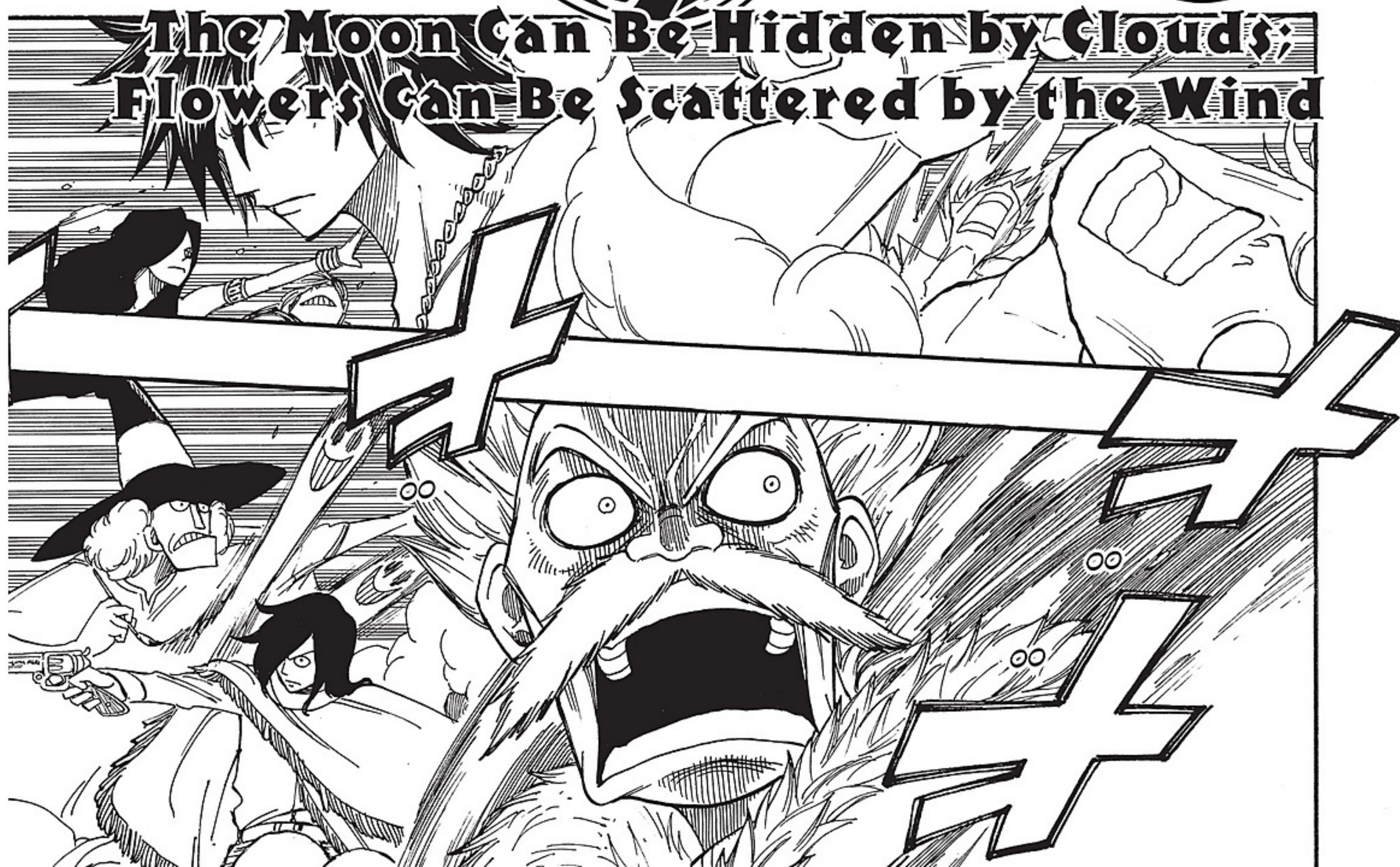
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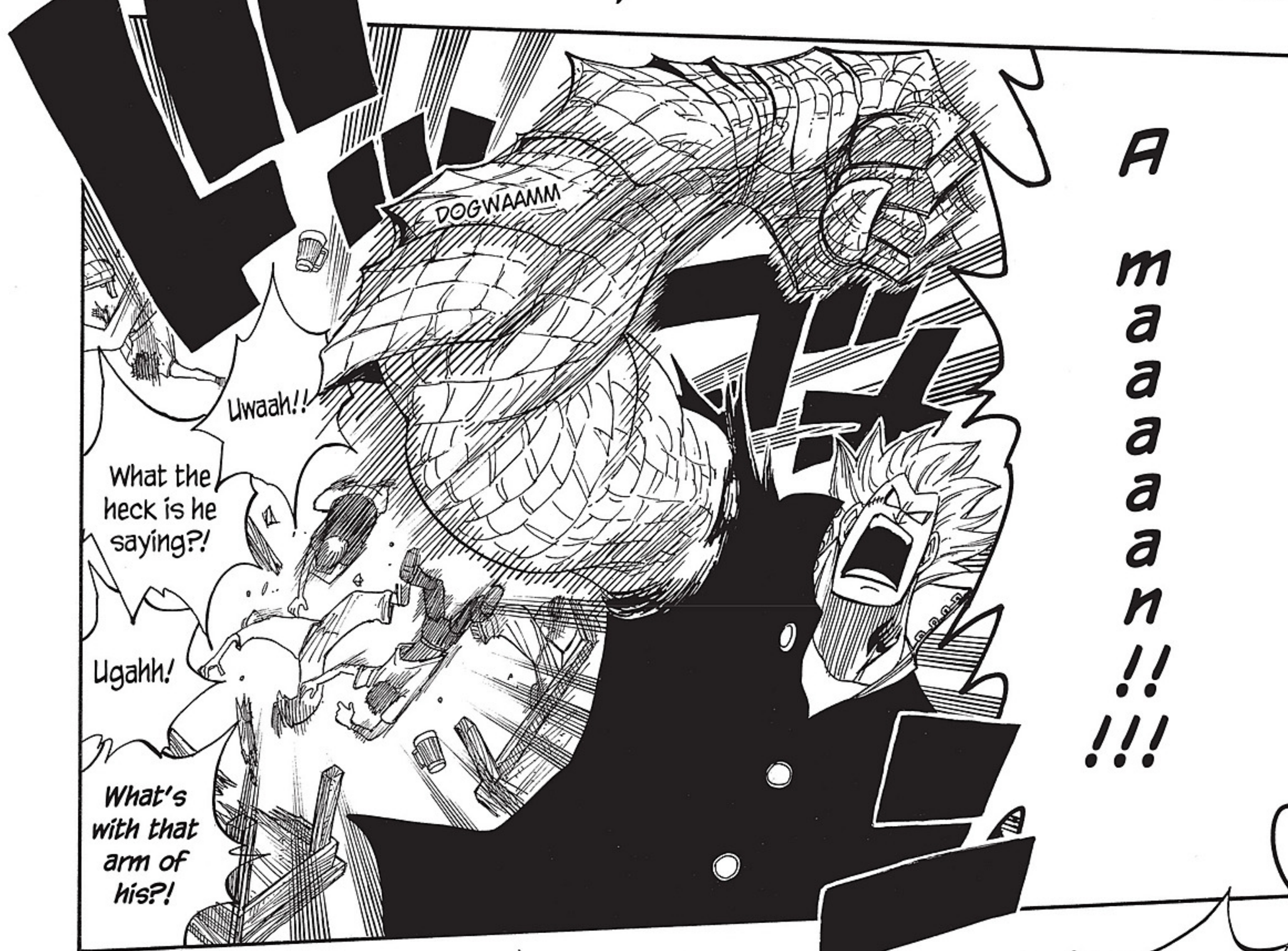


FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 49:

**The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds;
Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind**





**He is
Beast-arm
Elfman!!!!**

Elfman!!!

Fairy Tail Member:
Elfman

He took over
the power
of a beast
he defeated,
and
integrated
it into his
arm!

DOOM

**I'm going up
to see if he's
breathing! And
if he is, I'll put a
stop to it!!!**

**I suspect
that Jose is
on the top
floor!**

**Erza!!! You
handle things
here!!!**

**Now's
the time
to shake
things up
a little!!**

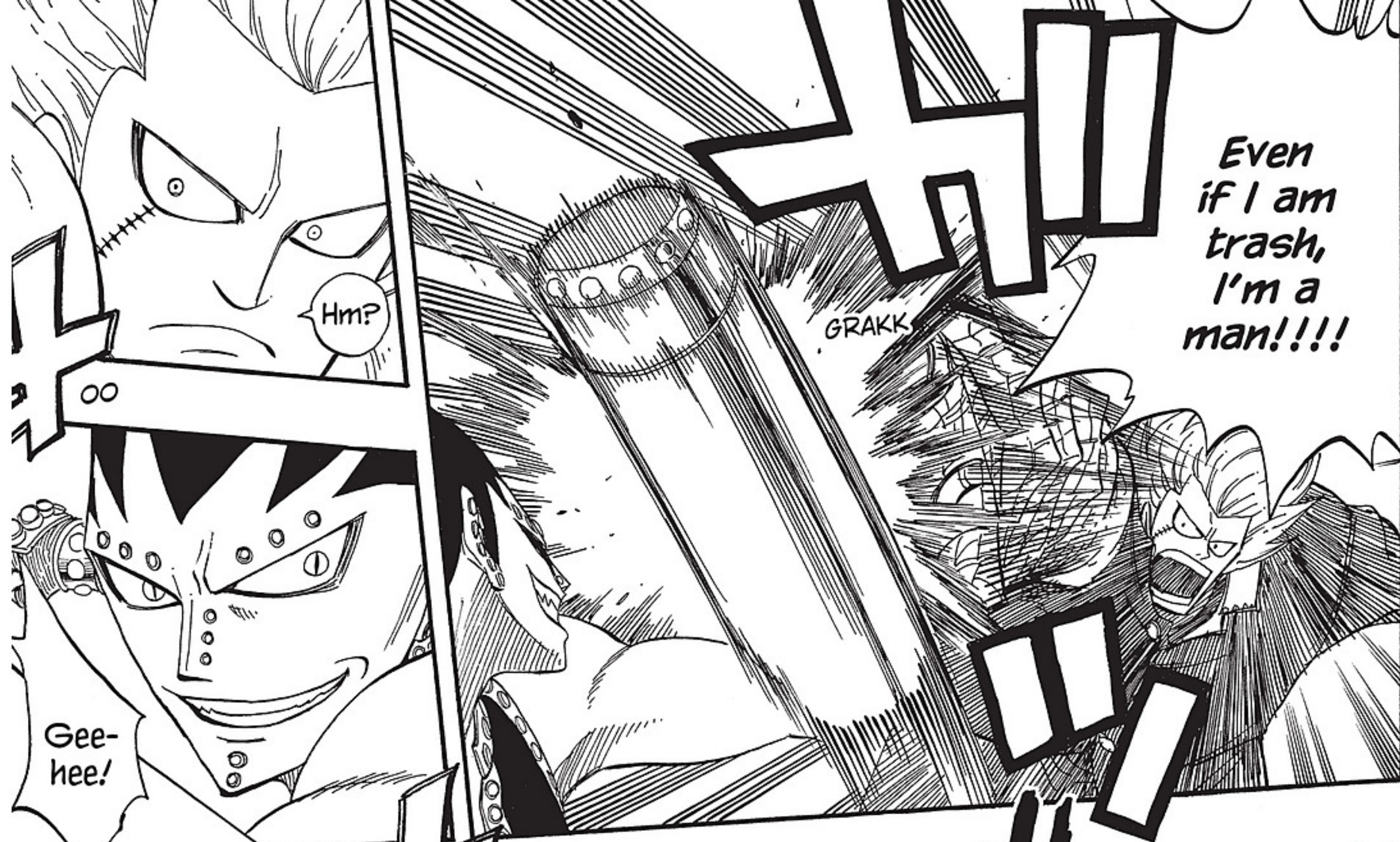
**So the most
annoying of
them has left
the scene!**

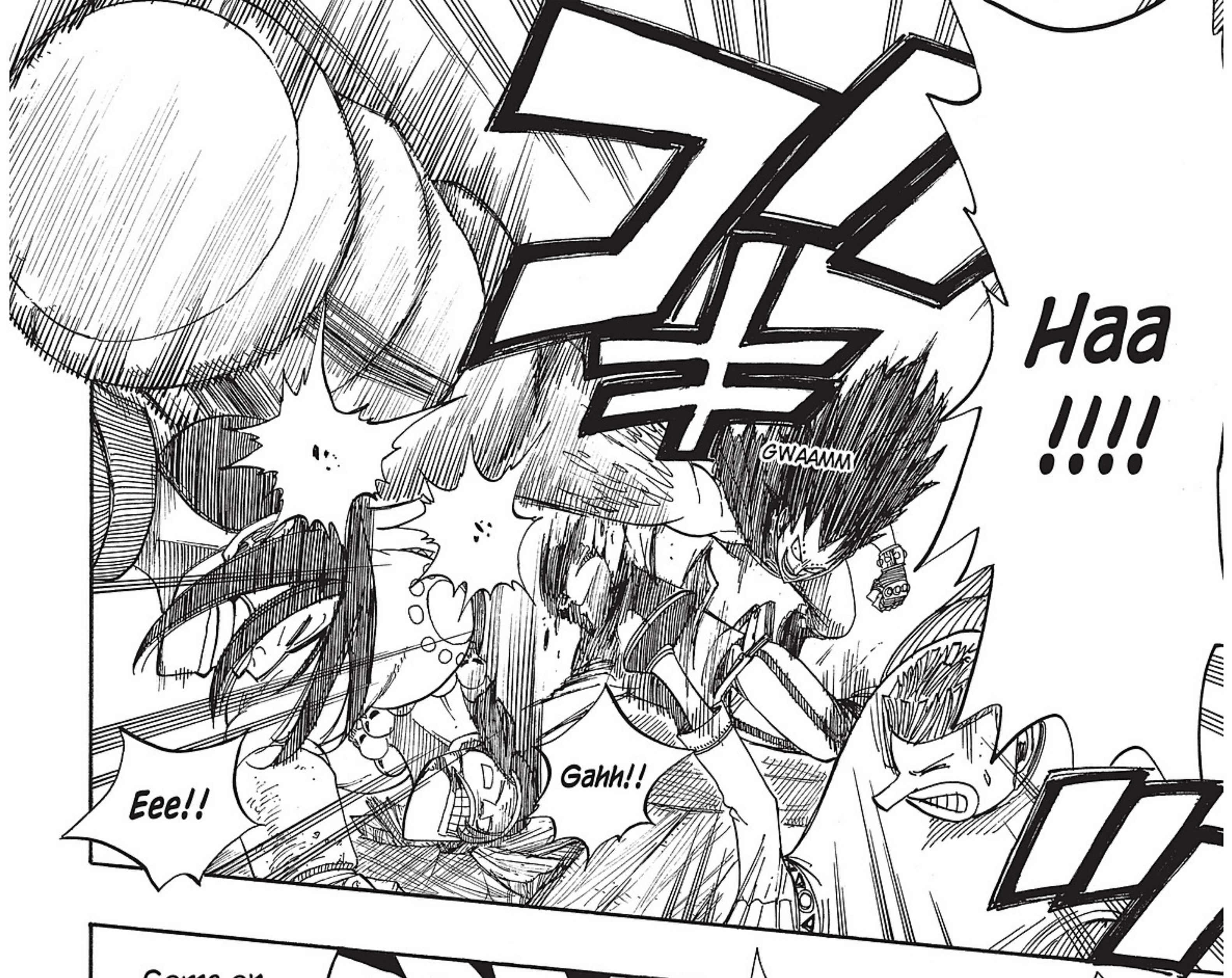
**Heh
heh...**

**Be
careful!**

WHOOSH

oooooooo





**Haa
!!!!**

Eee!!

Gahh!!

GWAAMM

Come on,
you trash!!!
The Iron
Dragonslayer
Gajeel-sama
will take you
all on!!!

What's
with this
guy? He's
taking out
his own
people,
too!!!

**Nab!!!
Warren!!!**



**A
man!!!**



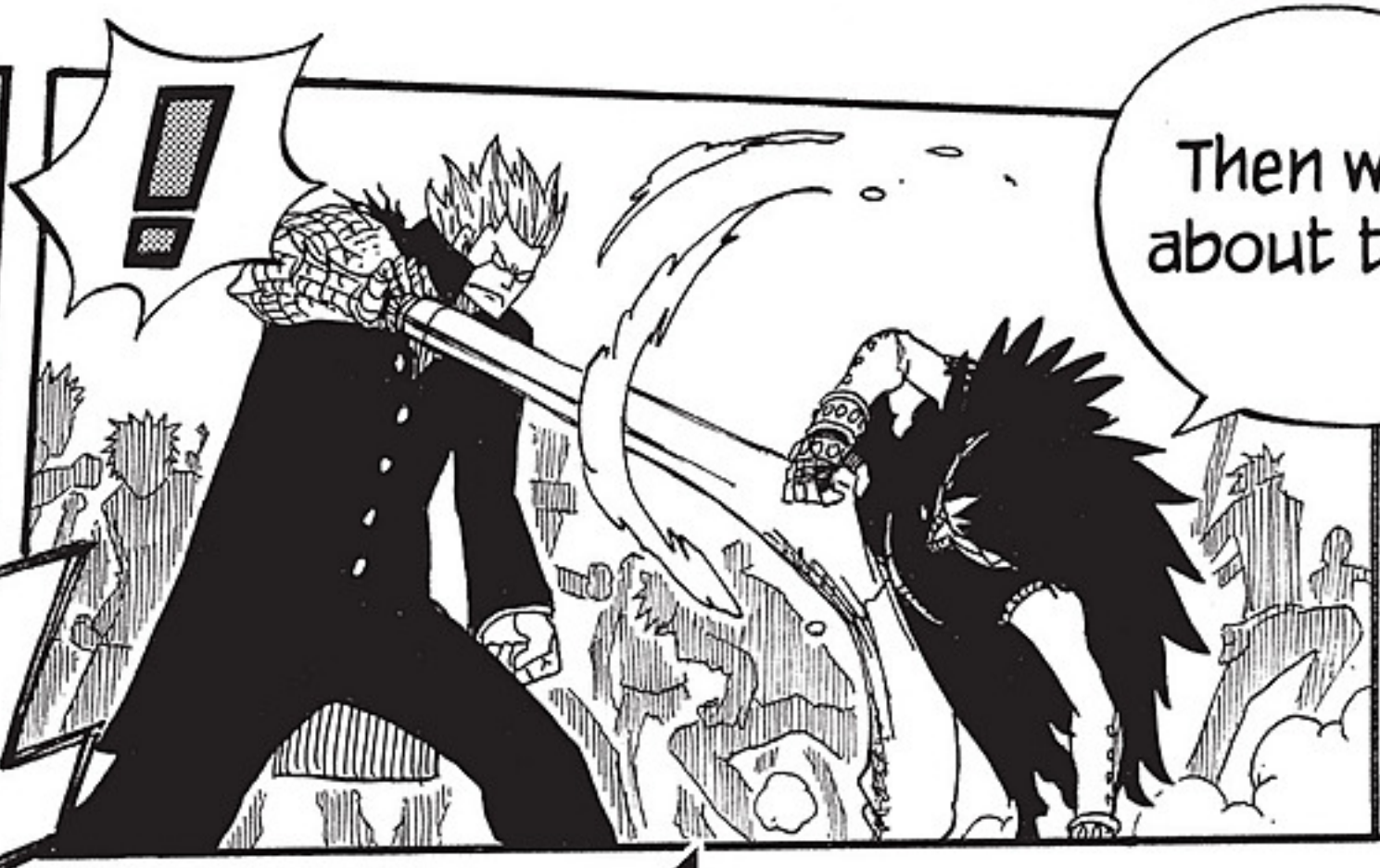
A man
must live
strong!!



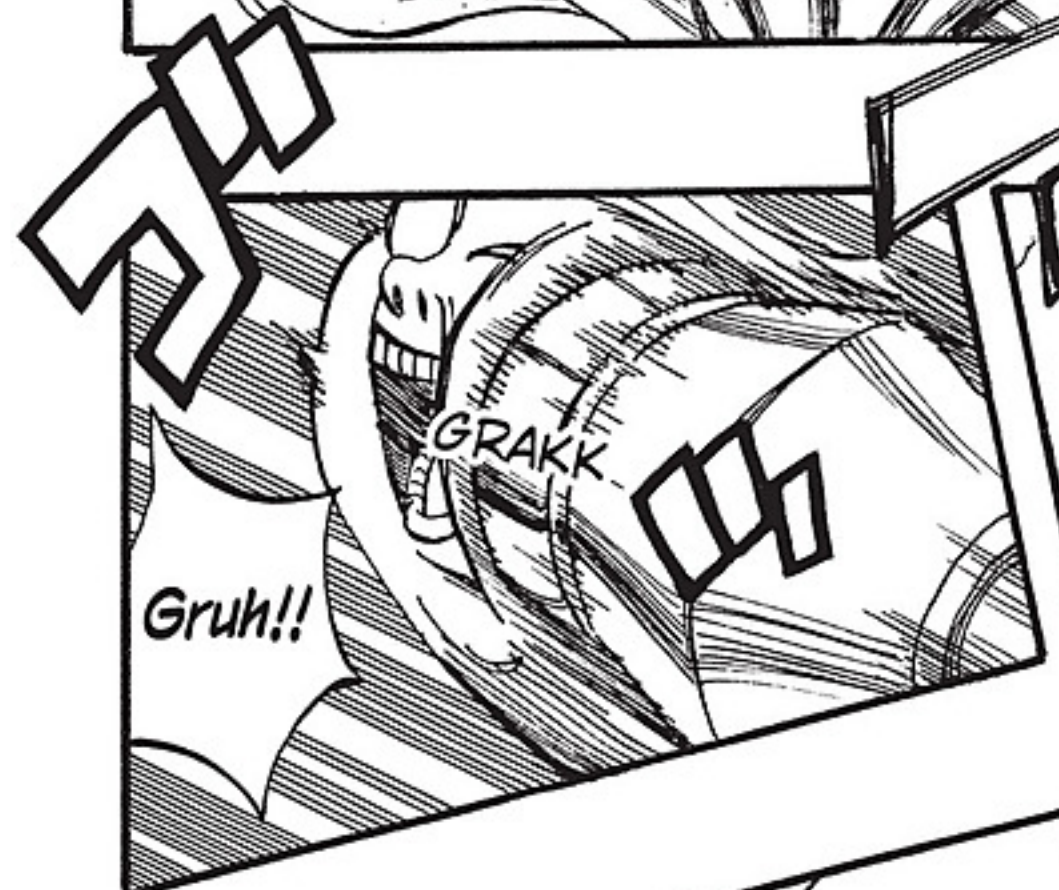
Ho!
You
aren't
bad!



GLUK
GLUK
GLUK



Then what
about this?



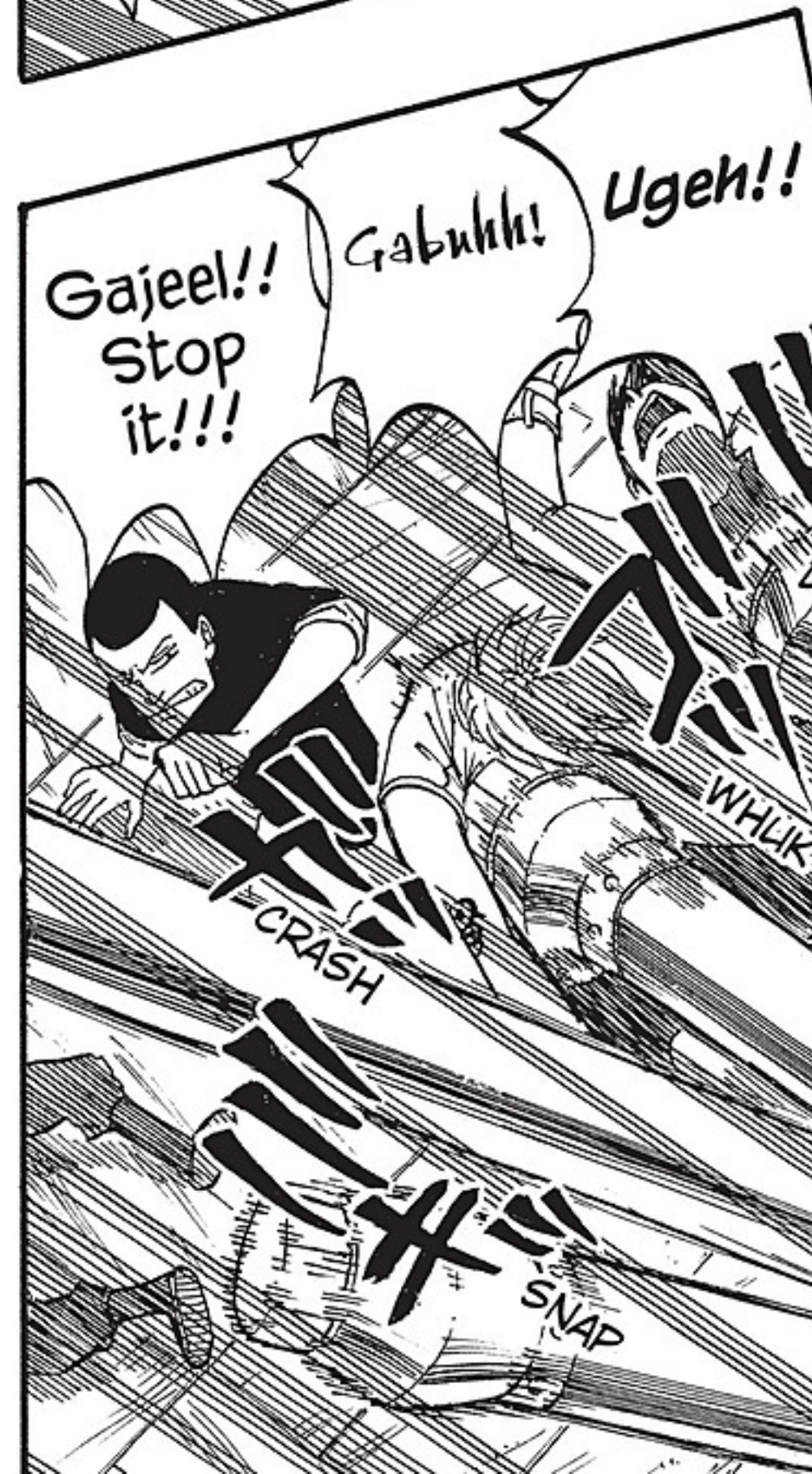
GRAKK

Gruh!!



GAH!

GWAPAA



Gajeel!!
Stop
it!!!

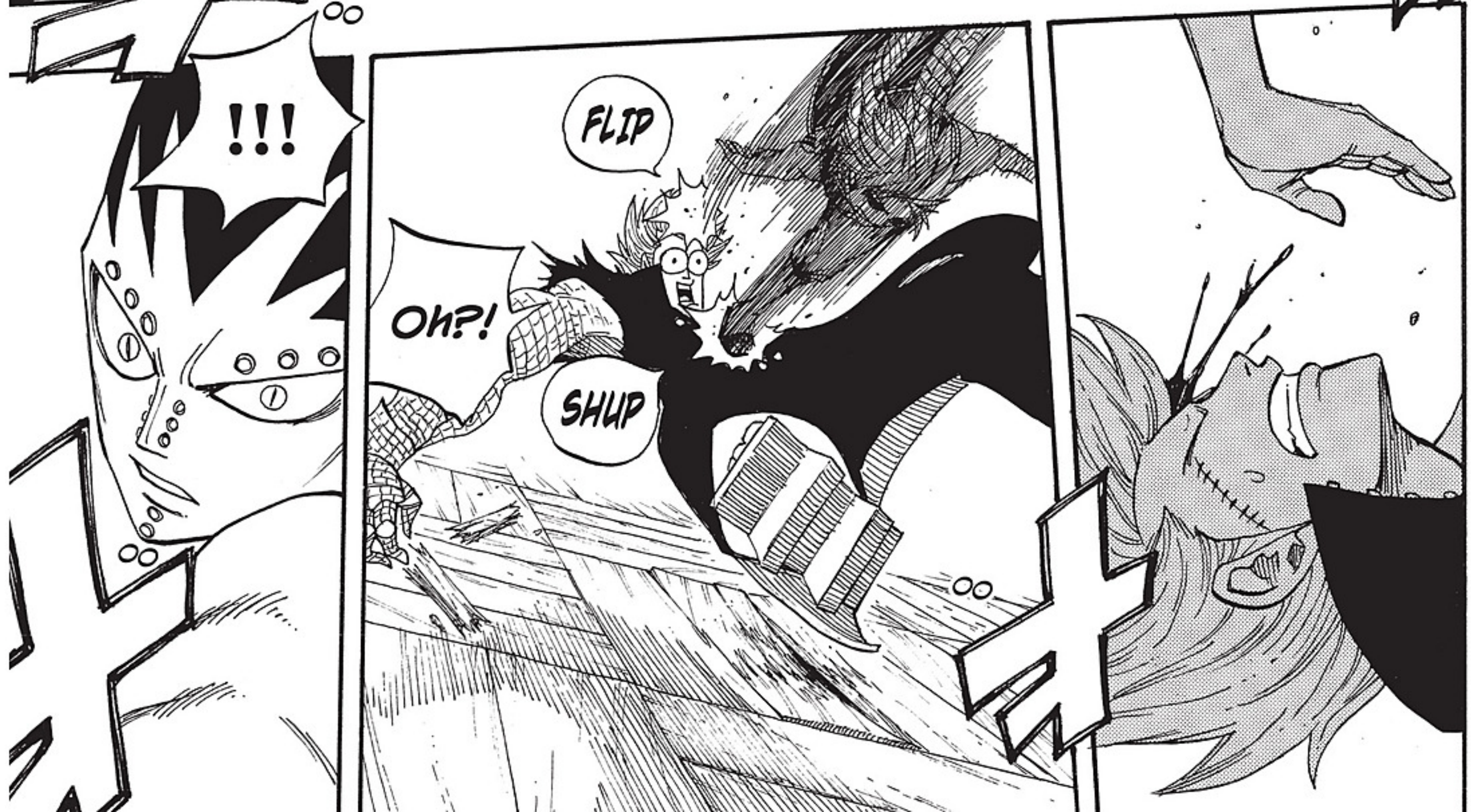
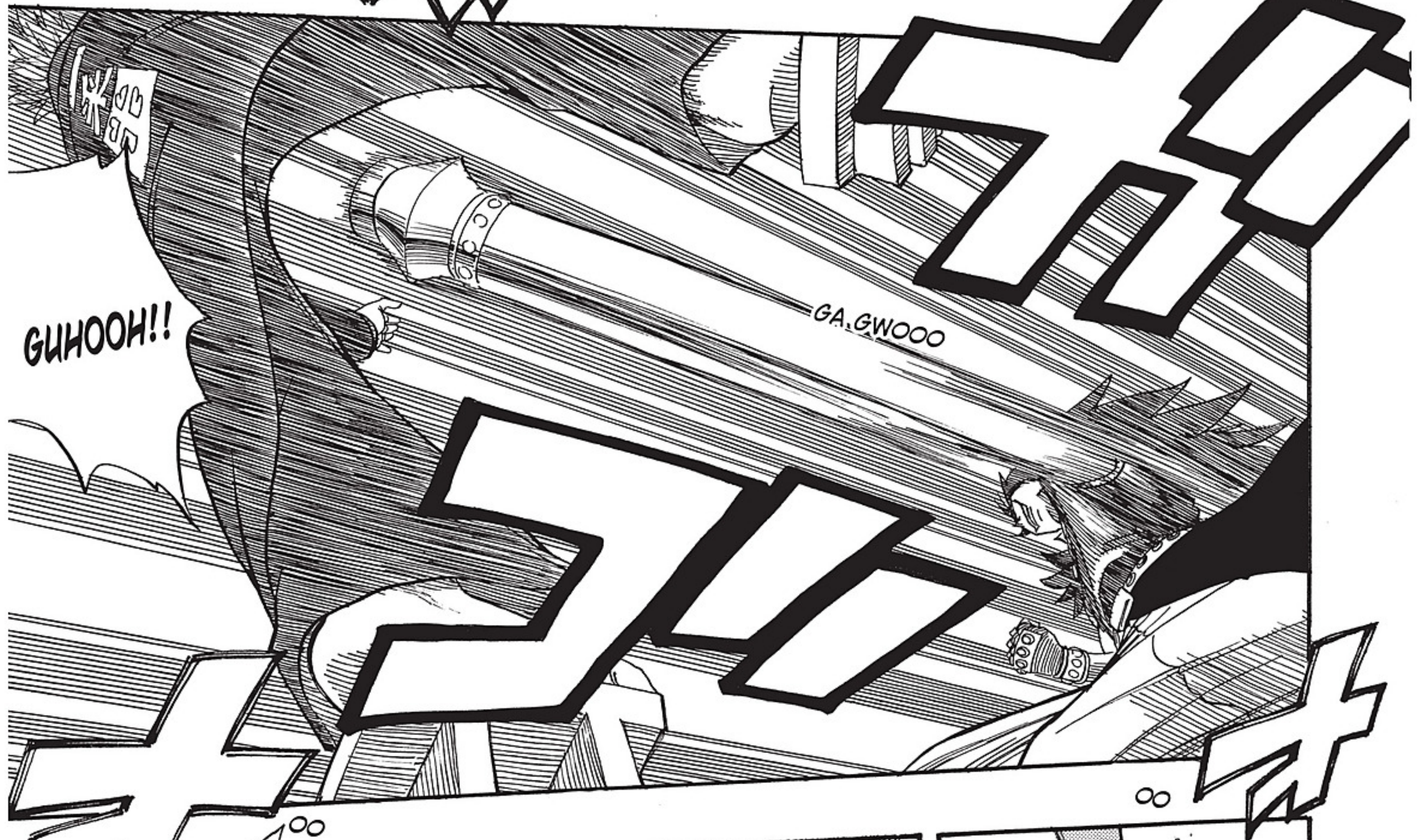
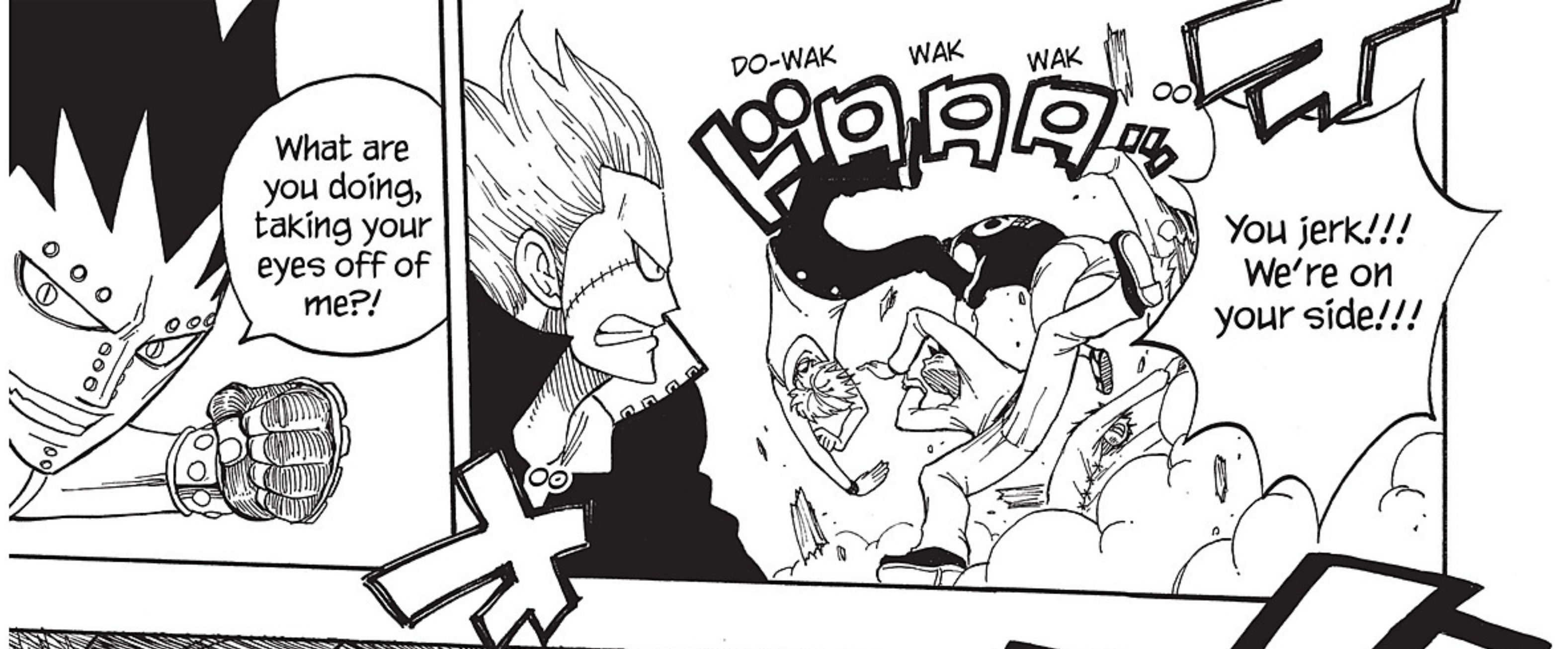
Gabuh!! Ugeh!!

DONK

WHLK

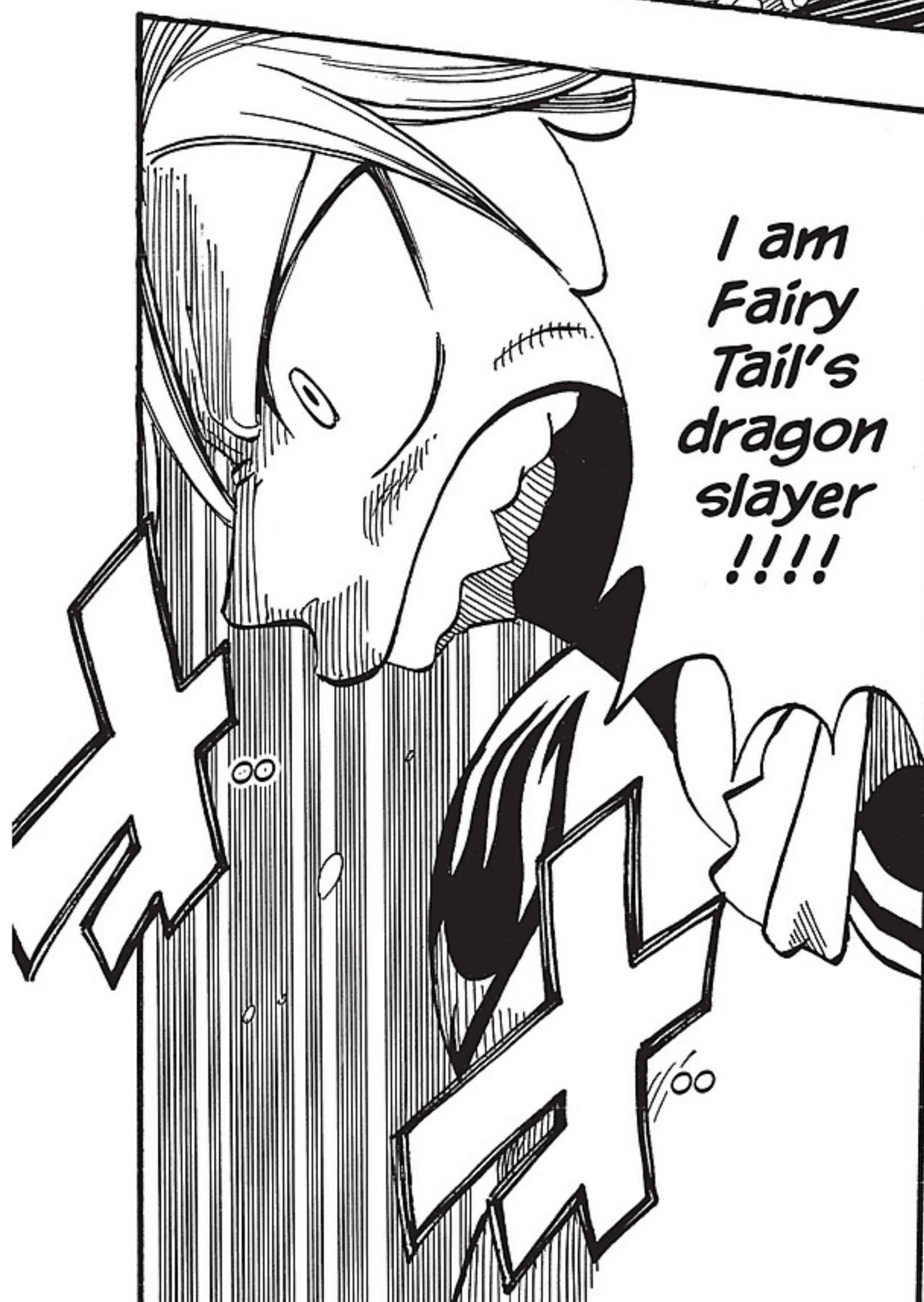
CRASH

SNAP





**Gajeel
!!!!**



***I am
Fairy
Tail's
dragon
slayer
!!!!***



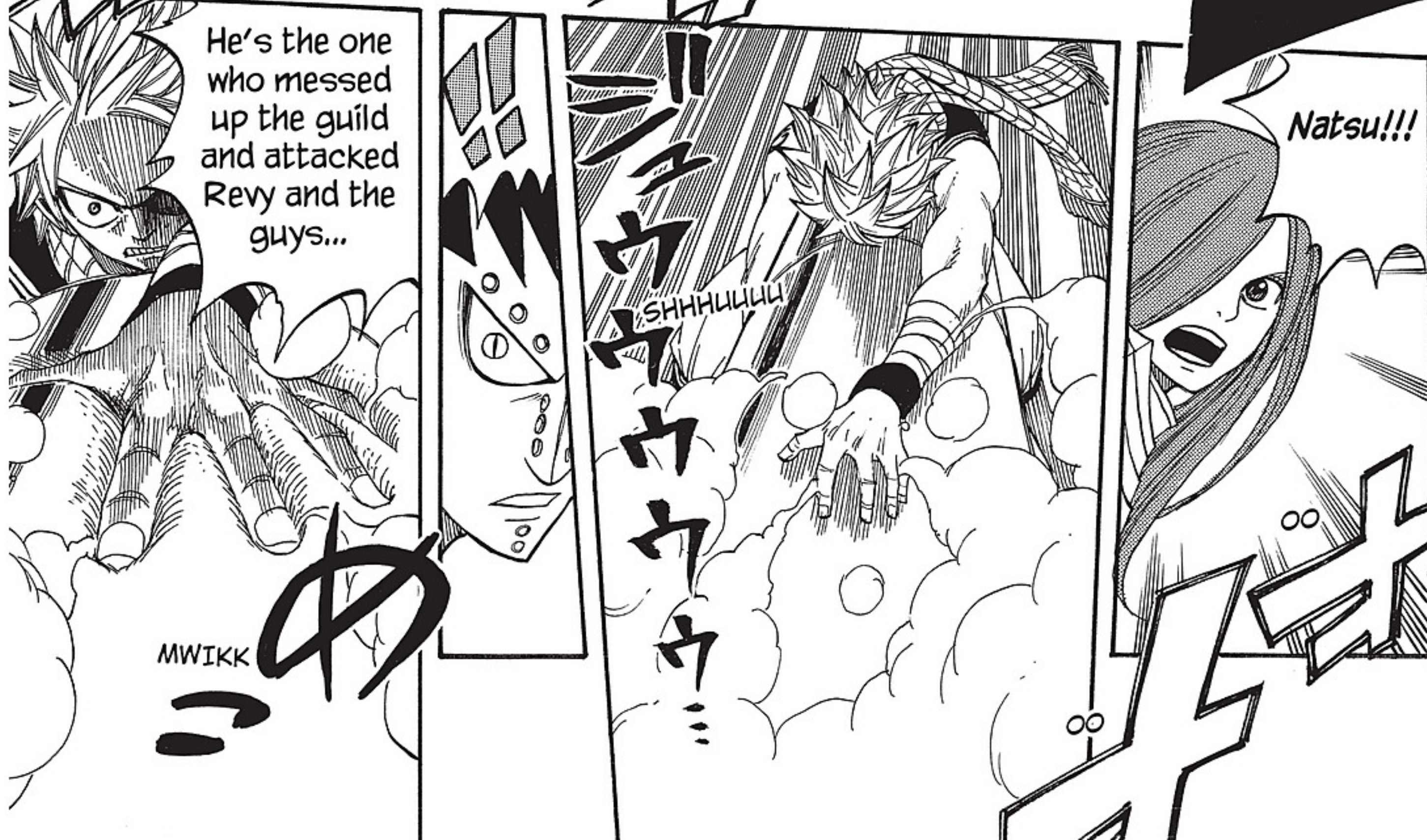
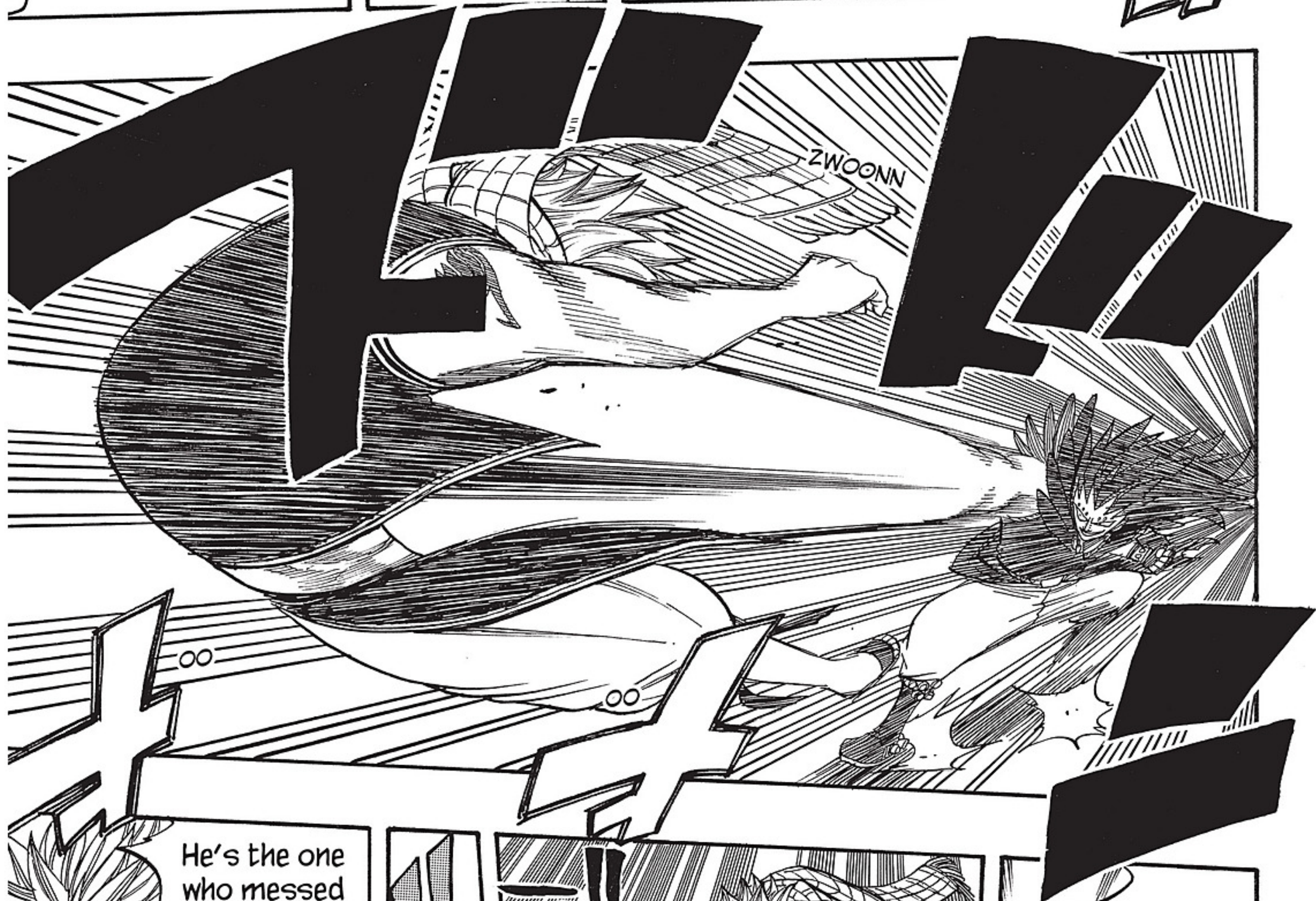
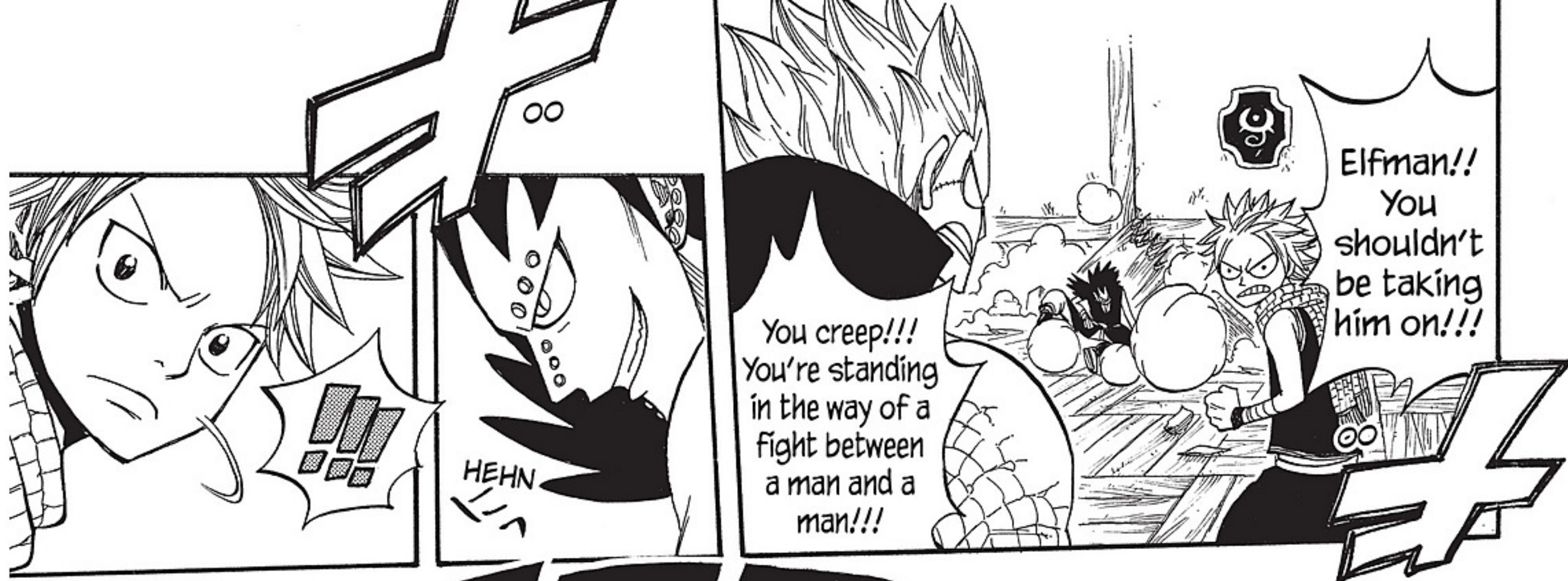
**You
step
over me
to...**

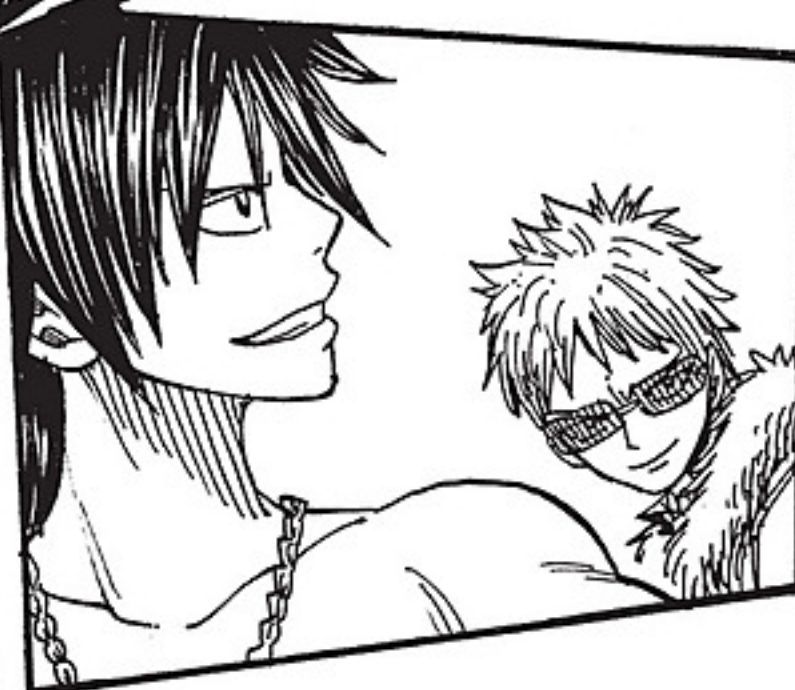
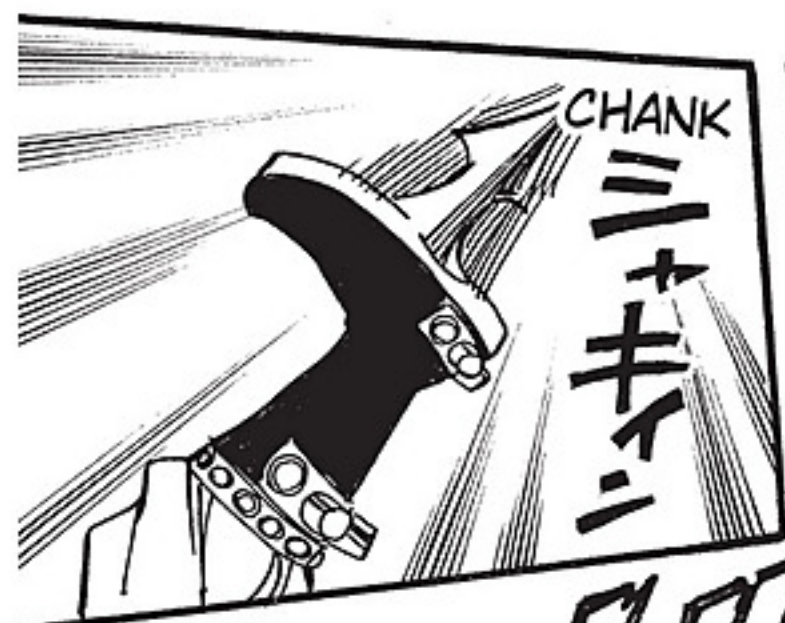
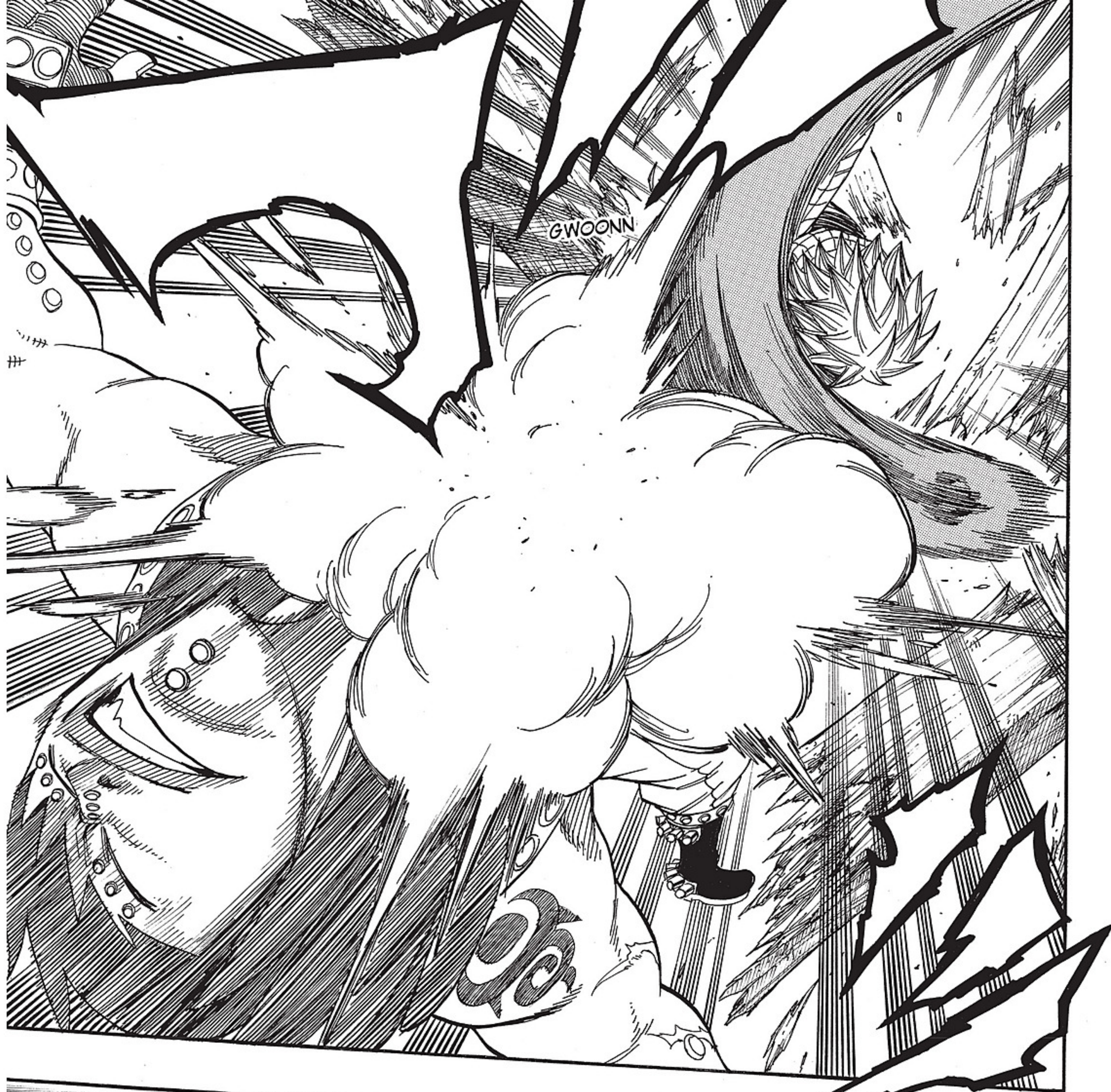


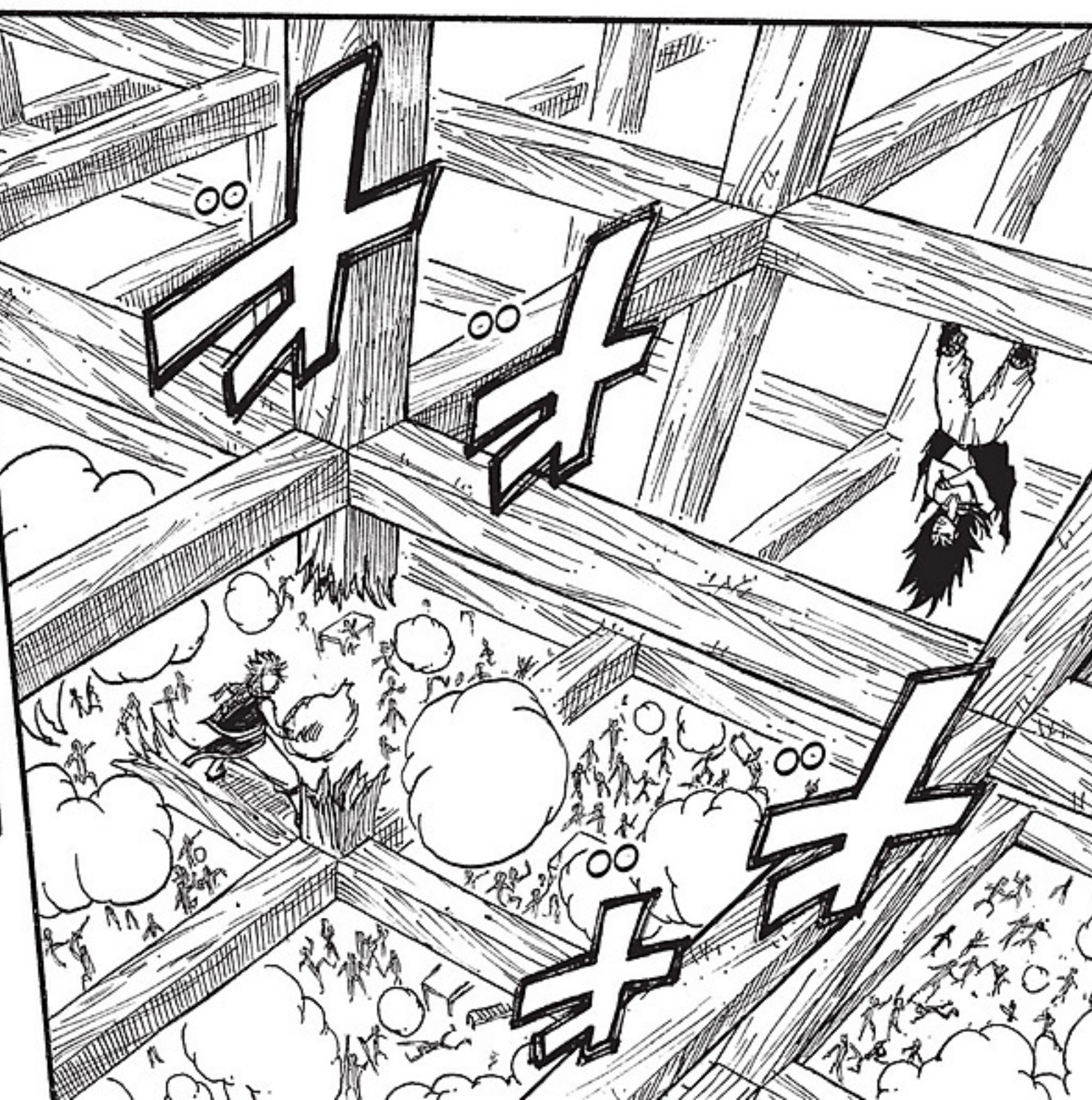
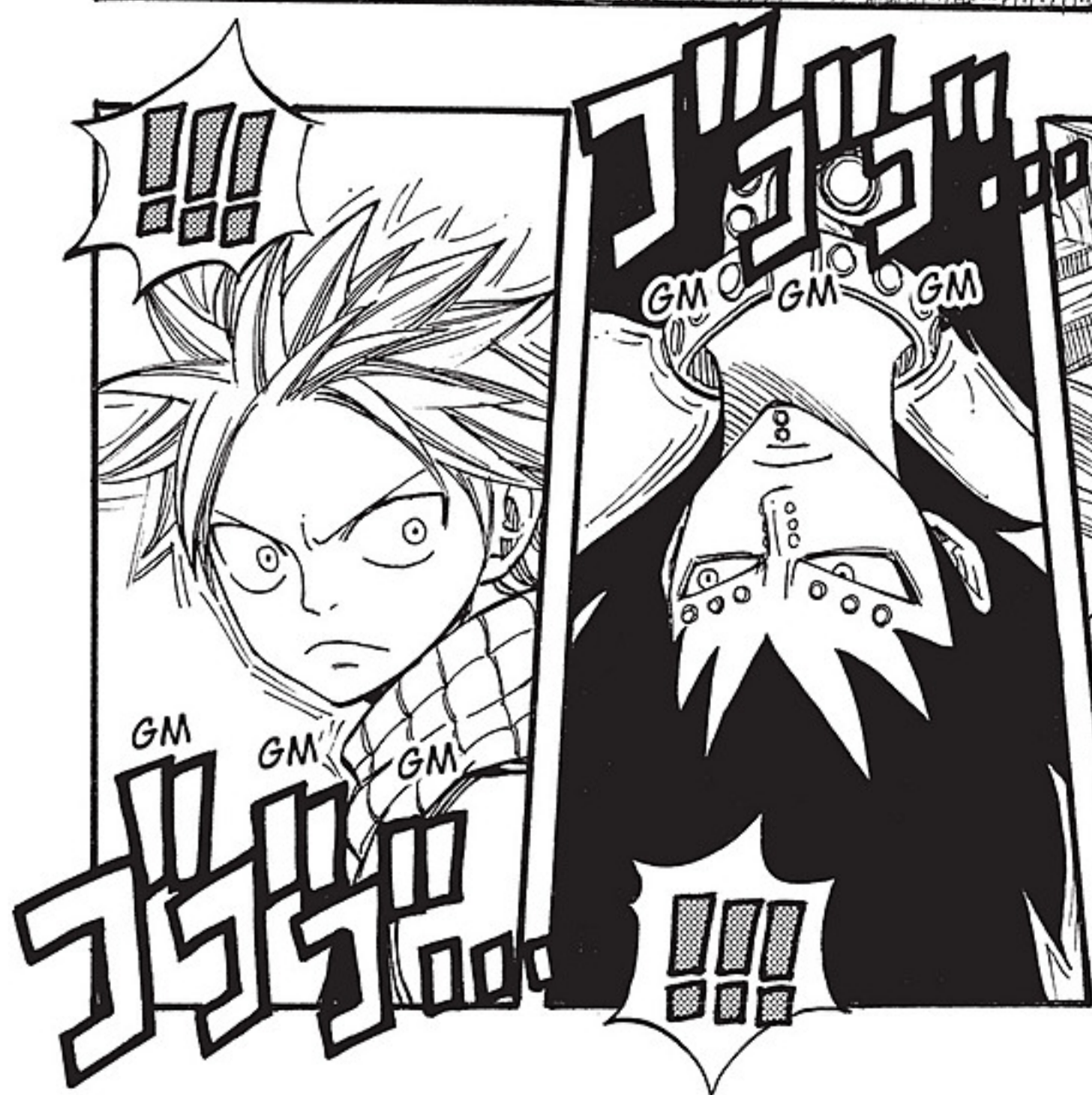
**I've never
seen that
happen
before!!!**

**Hey!!!
Somebody
managed
to punch
Gajeel
out!!!**











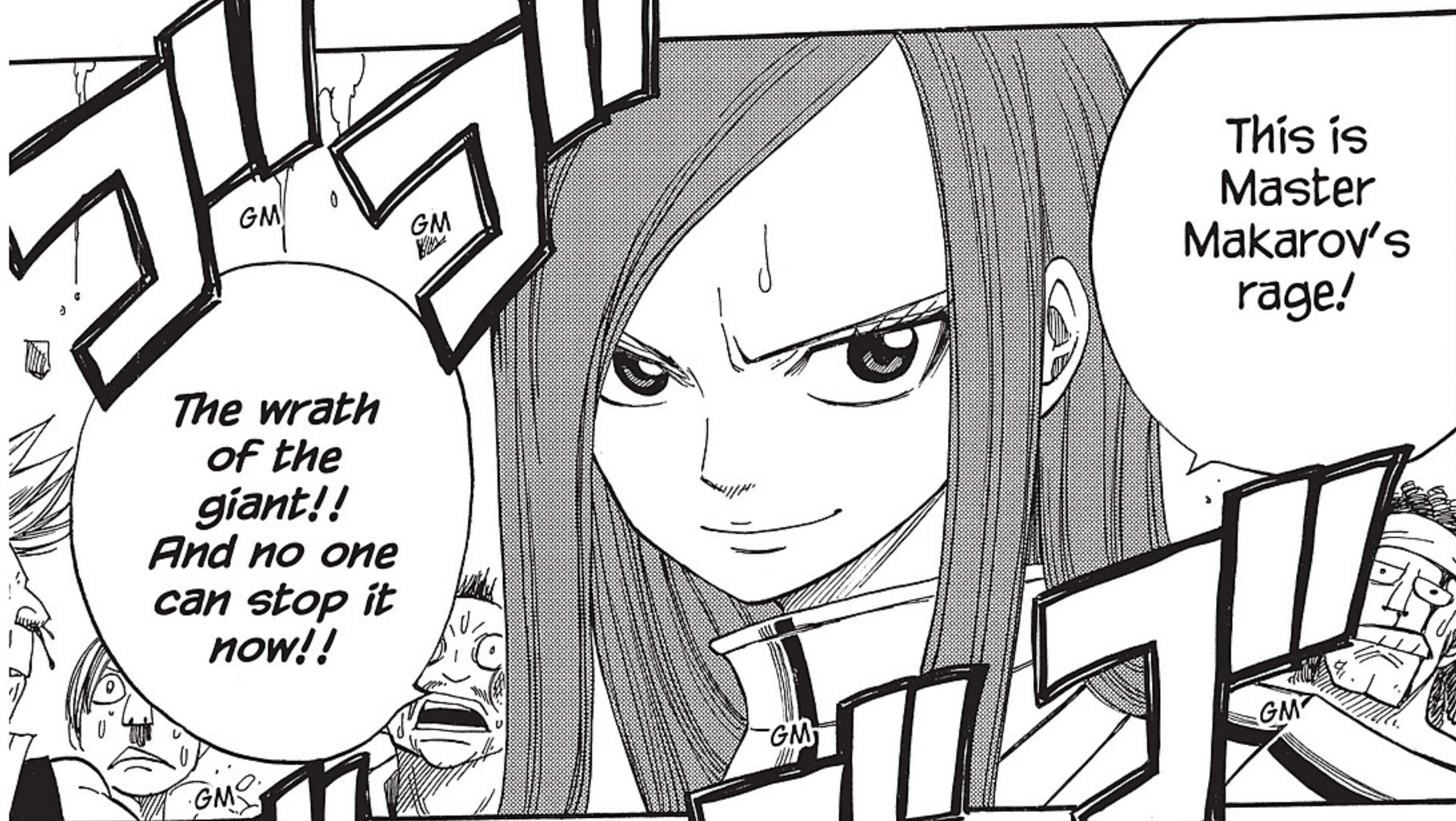
Wh-Wh-
What's
going
on?!!

This
doesn't
sound
good!

An earth-
quake?!!

Wh-
What's
that?!

!!!



*The wrath
of the
giant!!
And no one
can stop it
now!!*

This is
Master
Makarov's
rage!



Prepare your
souls!! As
long as we
have the
Master,
we cannot
lose!!!

That is a
man!!!
Master
Makarov!!!

You gotta
be kidding
me!!!
The whole
guild is
shaking...

E-Eeeee
!!!





I'd say it's been
some six years since the
last time I saw you at
a regular meeting. How
embarrassing that was for
me! But you know me, a
little liquor, and...



Well, well.
It's been
so long,
Makarov-
san!



I'm not here
for small talk,
Jose!!!



Ho
ho
ho!

VZT

VZT

Well,
well...



DOWHAMM



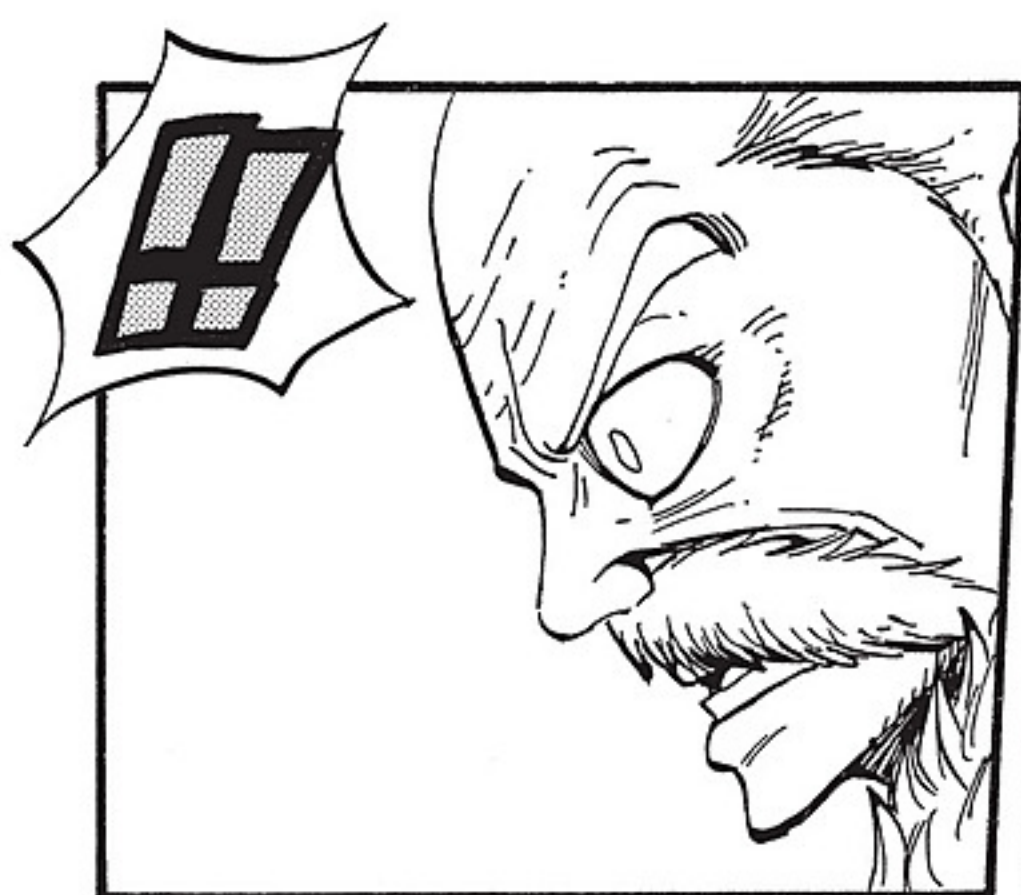
The only triumphs I desire are from a battle of wits.

A battle between two wizard saints should only happen during a true cataclysm.



You're just a thought projection?!!

You coward... You already scampered from your own guild?!!

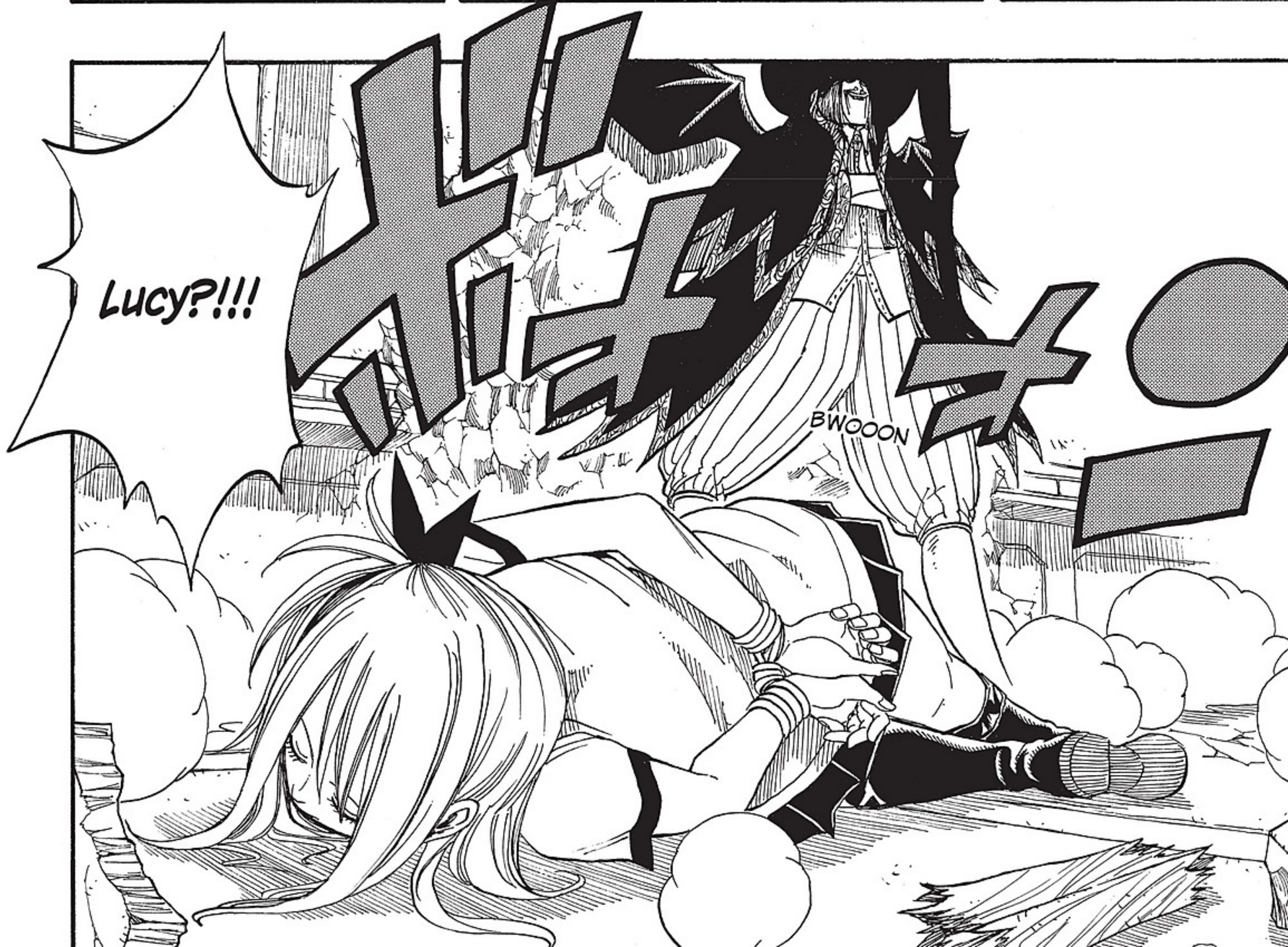


BWAAHH
Fall



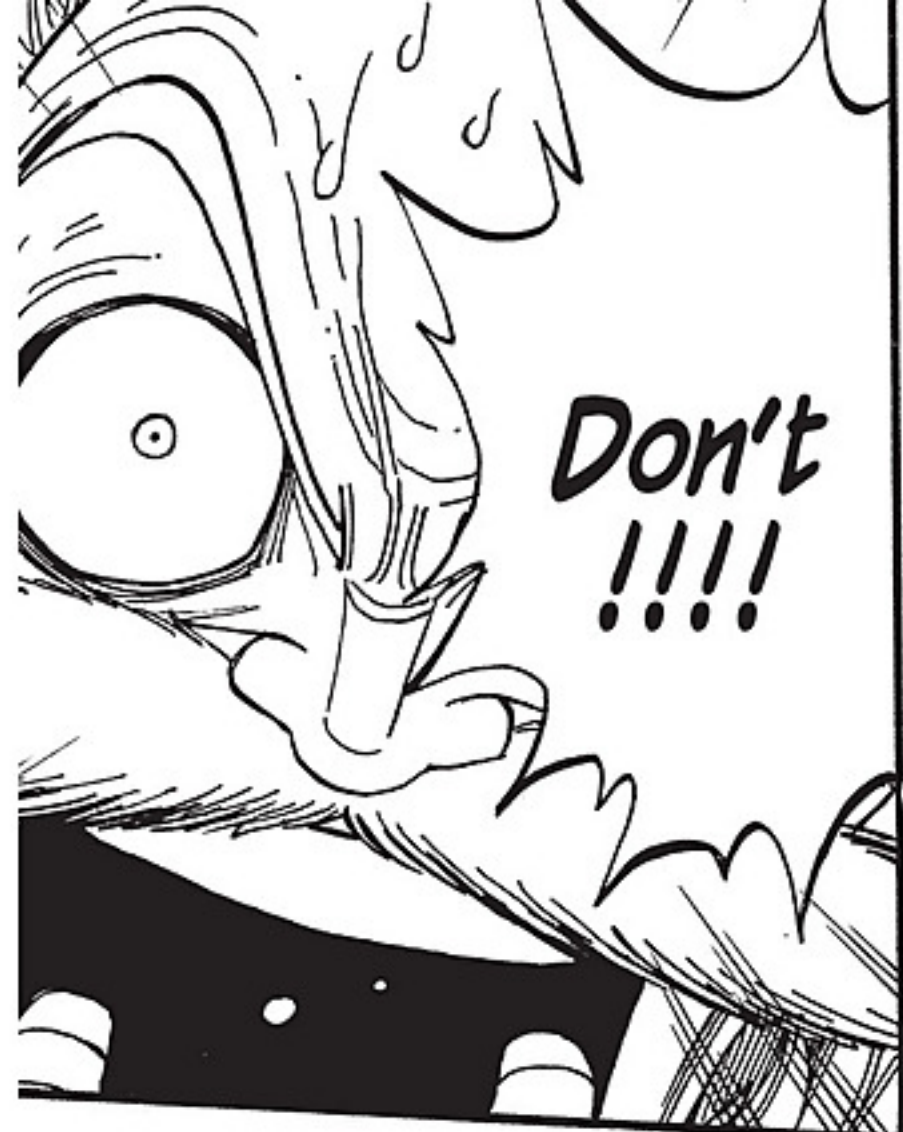
Where are you?!!

Let's have a fair fight!!!

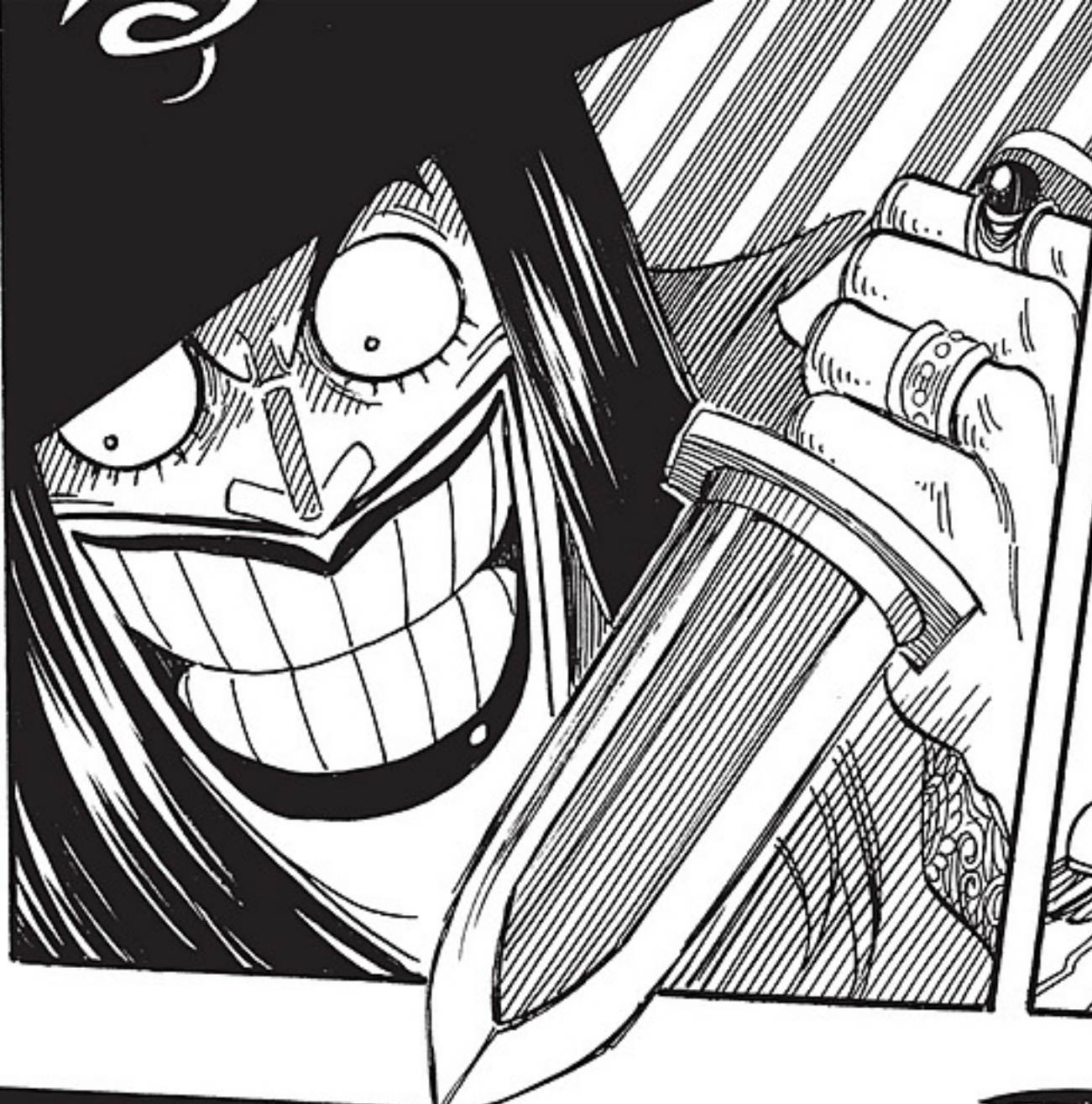


LUCY?!!!

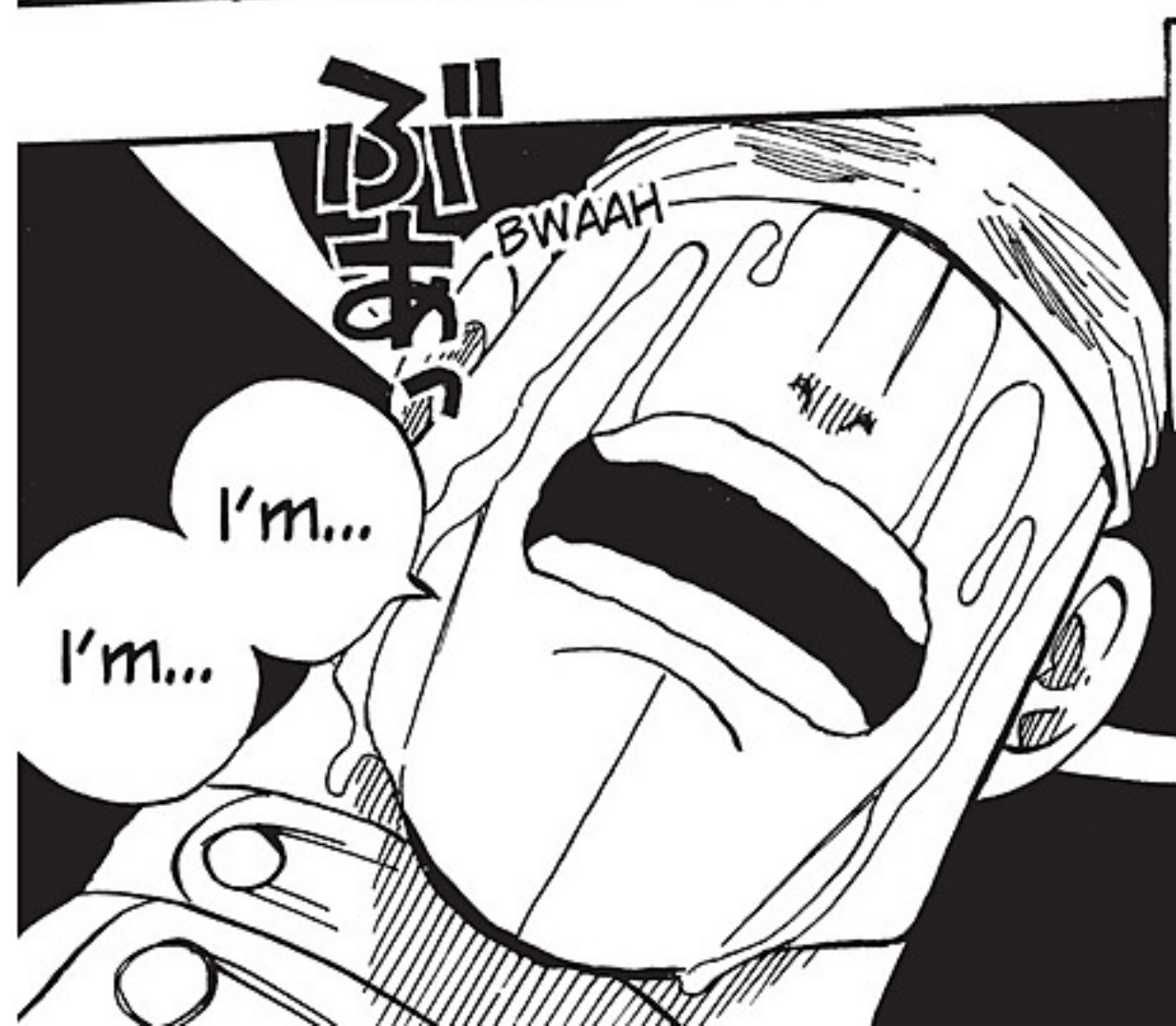
BWOOON



Don't
!!!!



Wh-
Why...?!?



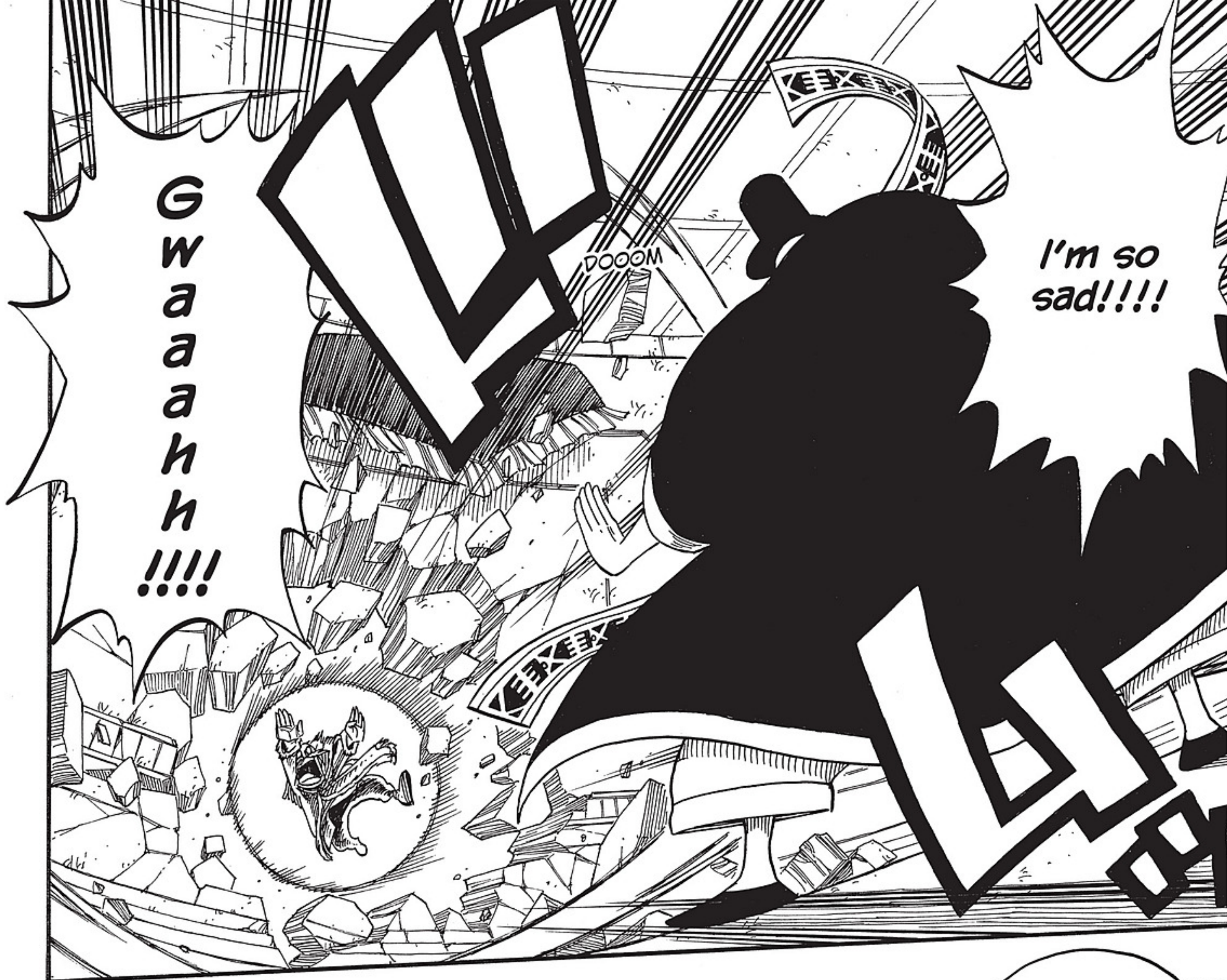
I'm...
I'm...

Phantom Lord
Element 4:
Aria of the
Great Sky

I'm...

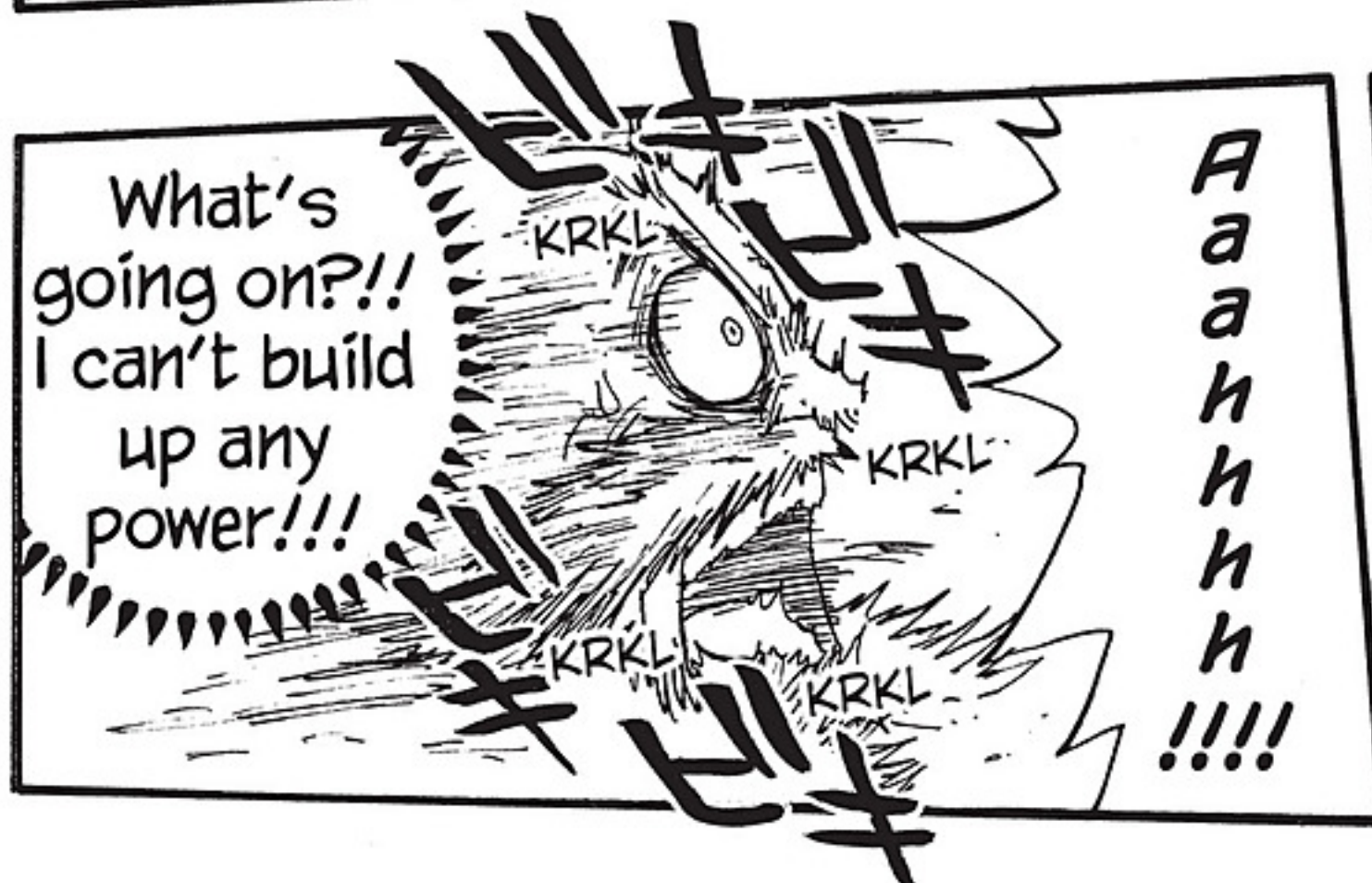


Dammit!!!
The man didn't
register on my
senses!!!



Gwaahh!!!!

I'm so sad!!!!



What's going on?!!
I can't build up any power!!!

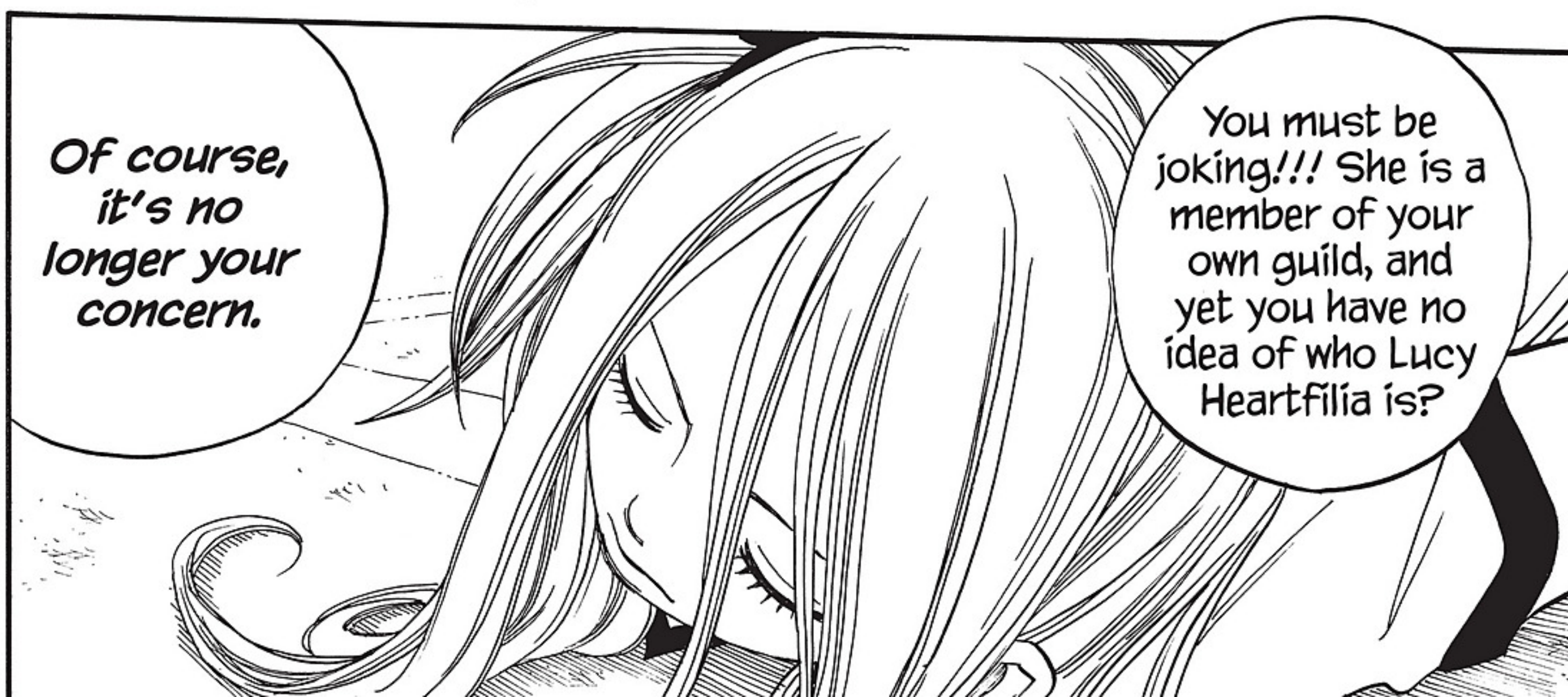
Aaahh!!!!



At least not yet... right?

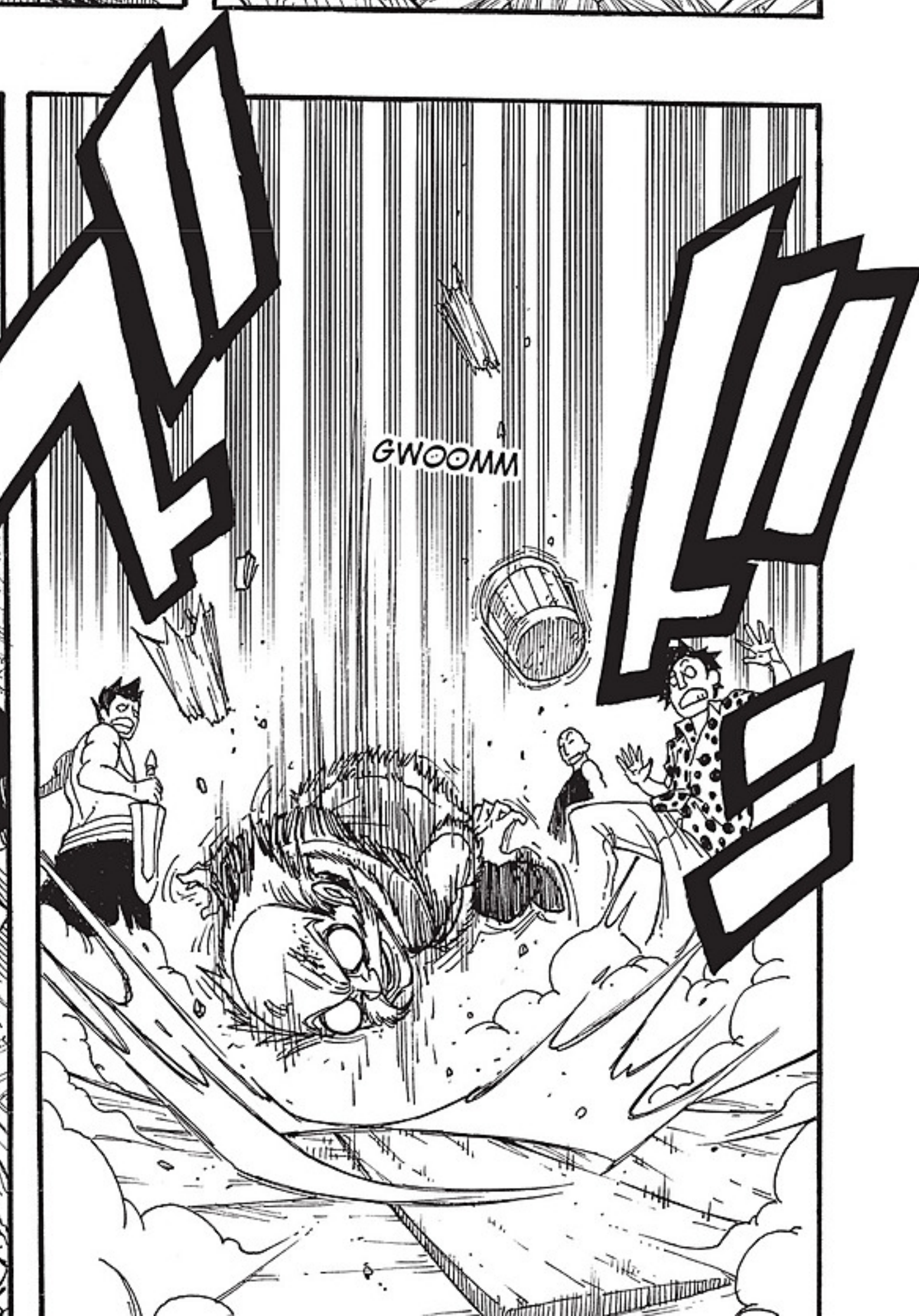
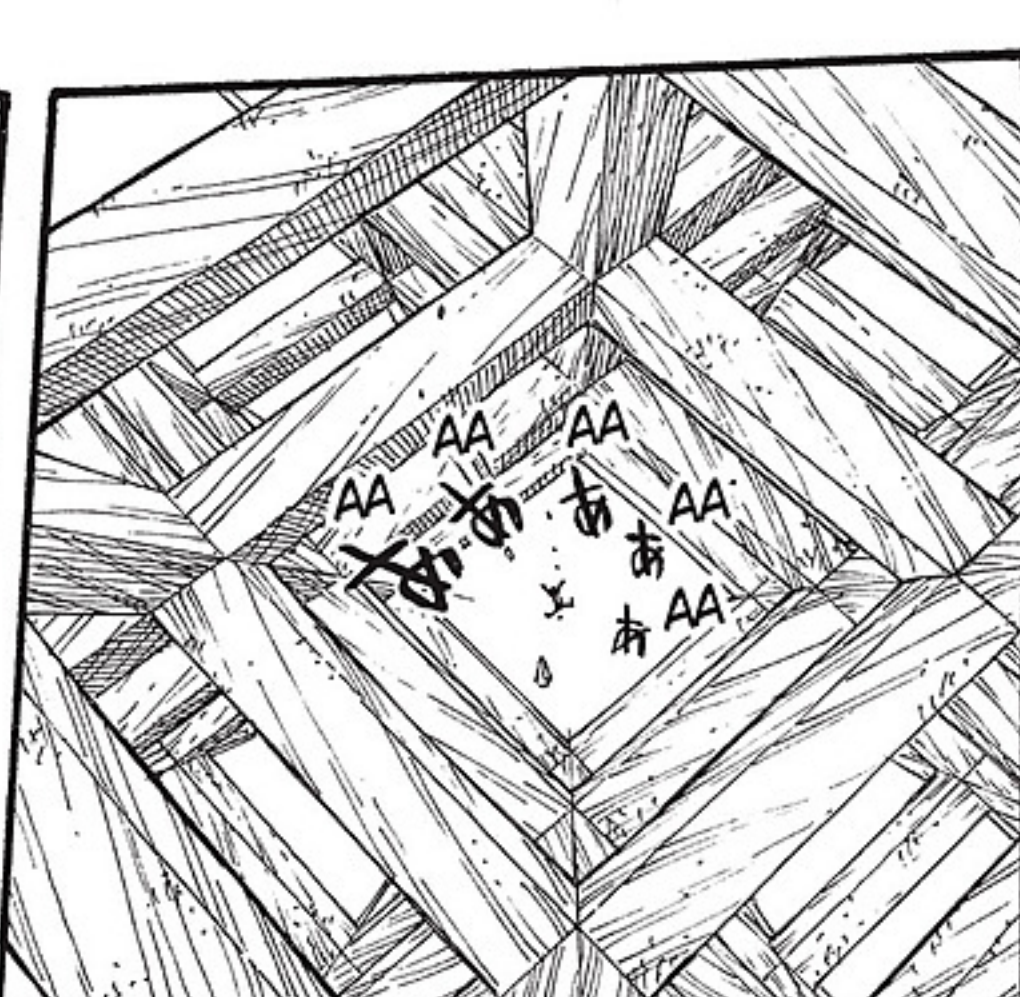
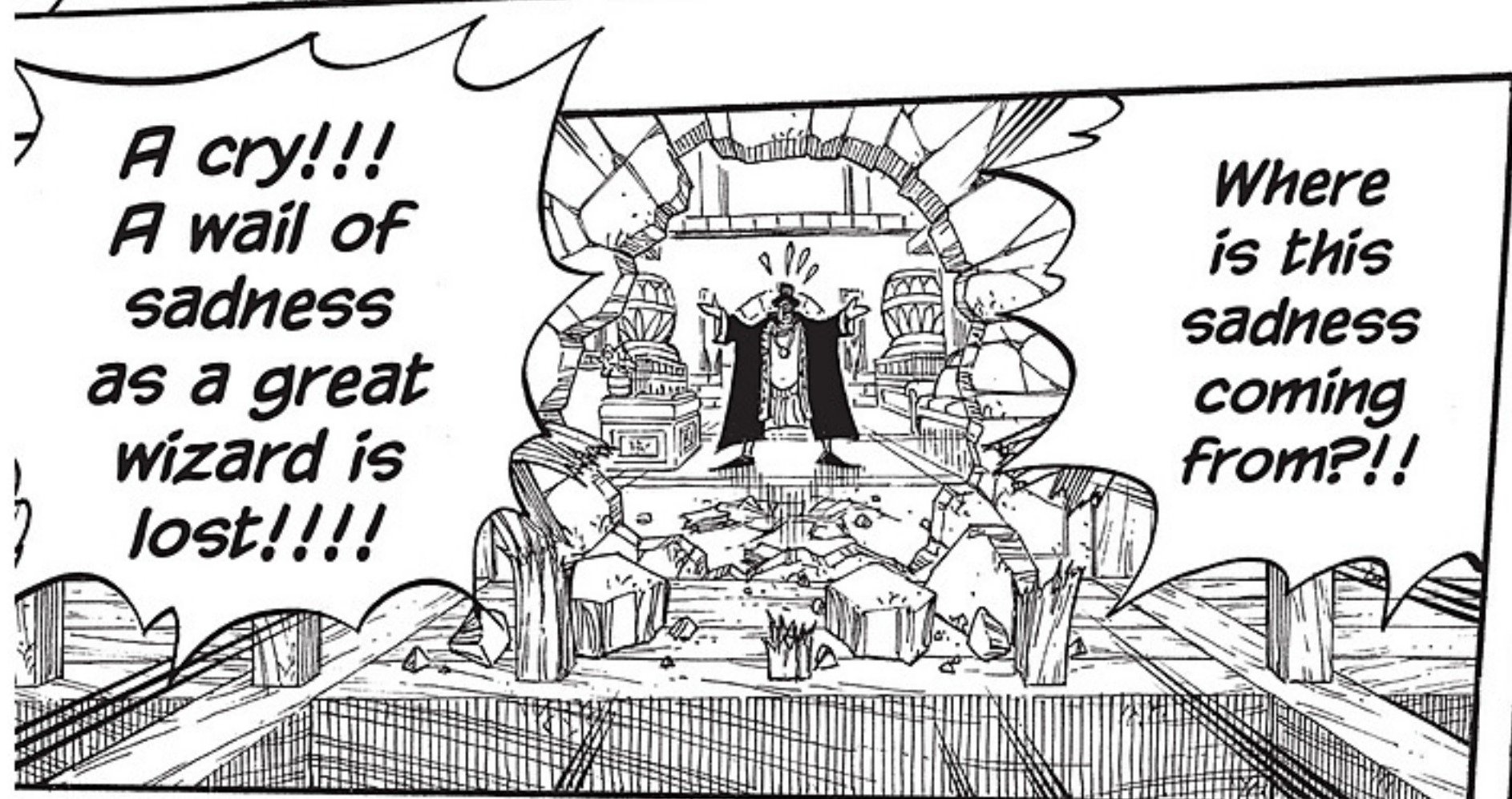
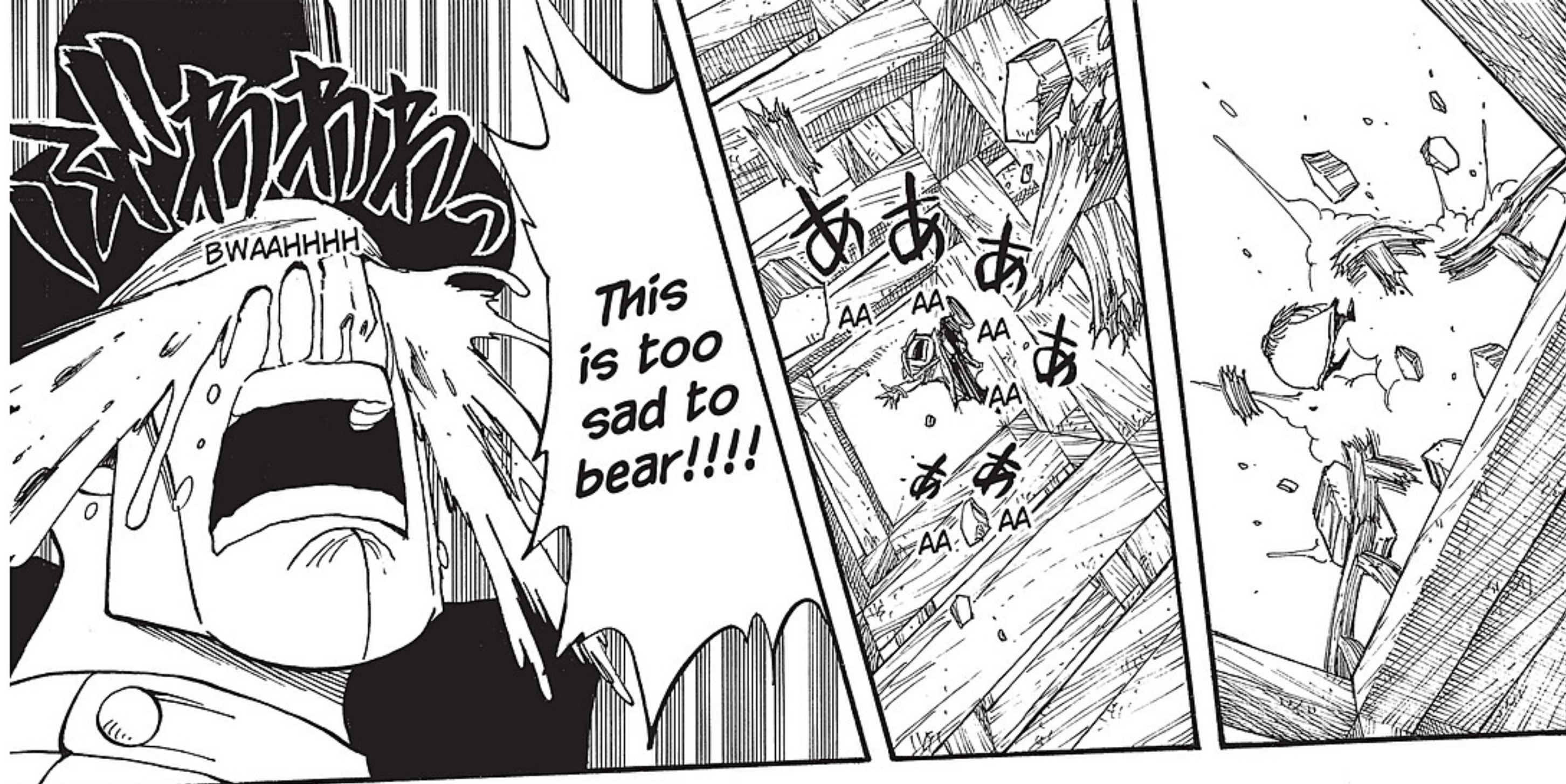
Ho ho ho! We would never think of killing Lucy-sama!!

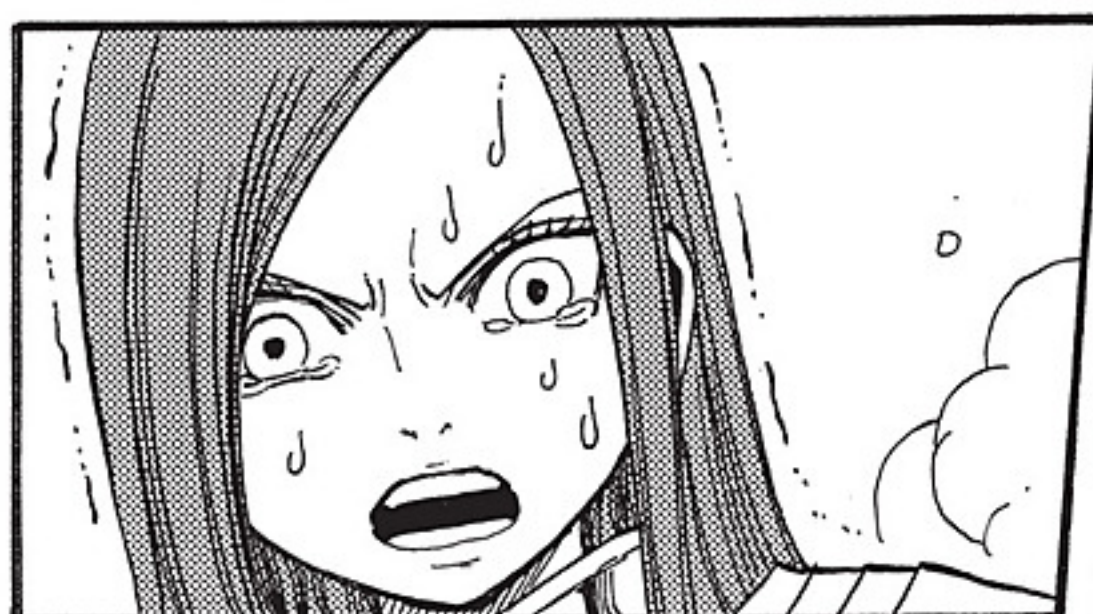
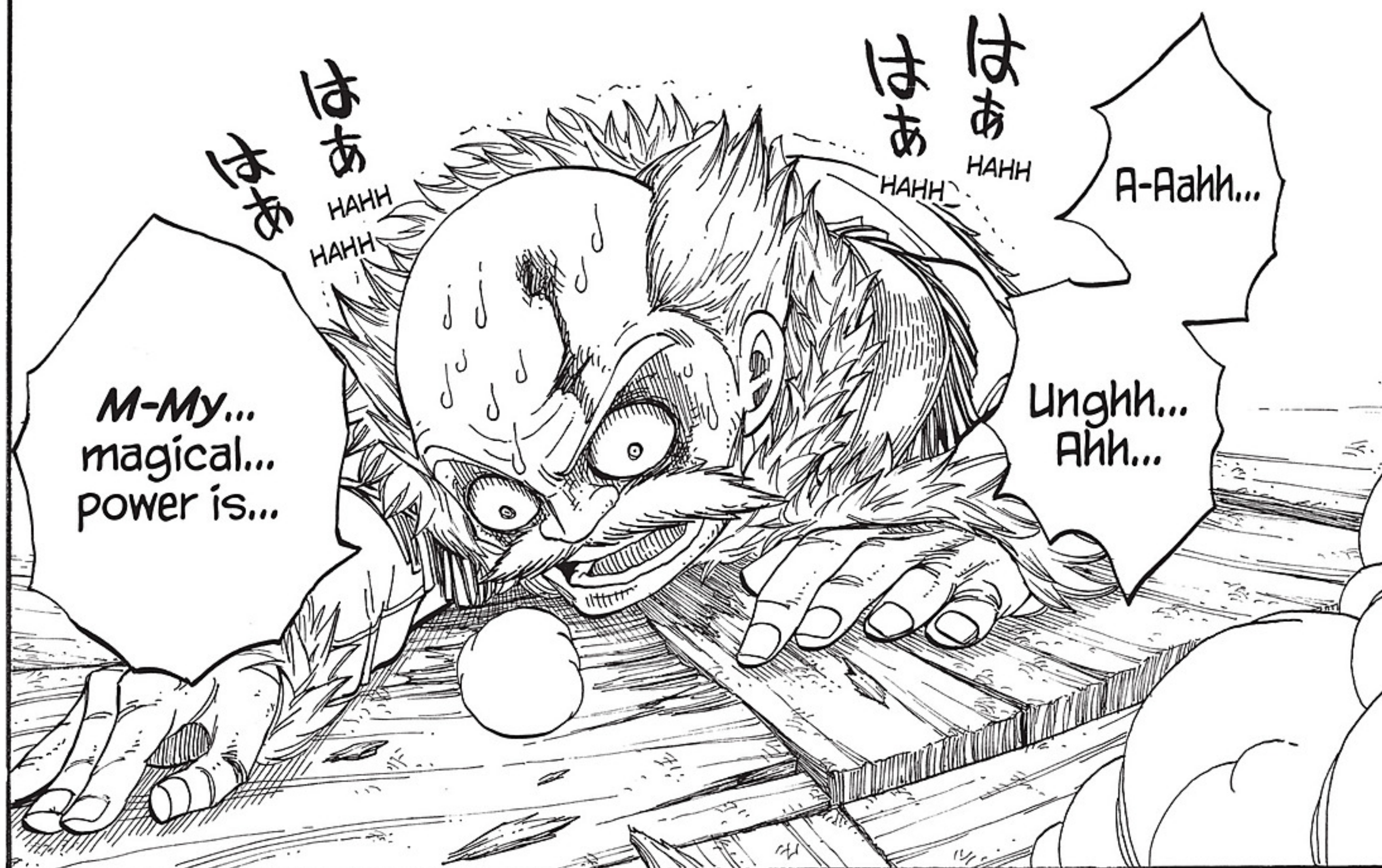
STUNK



Of course, it's no longer your concern.

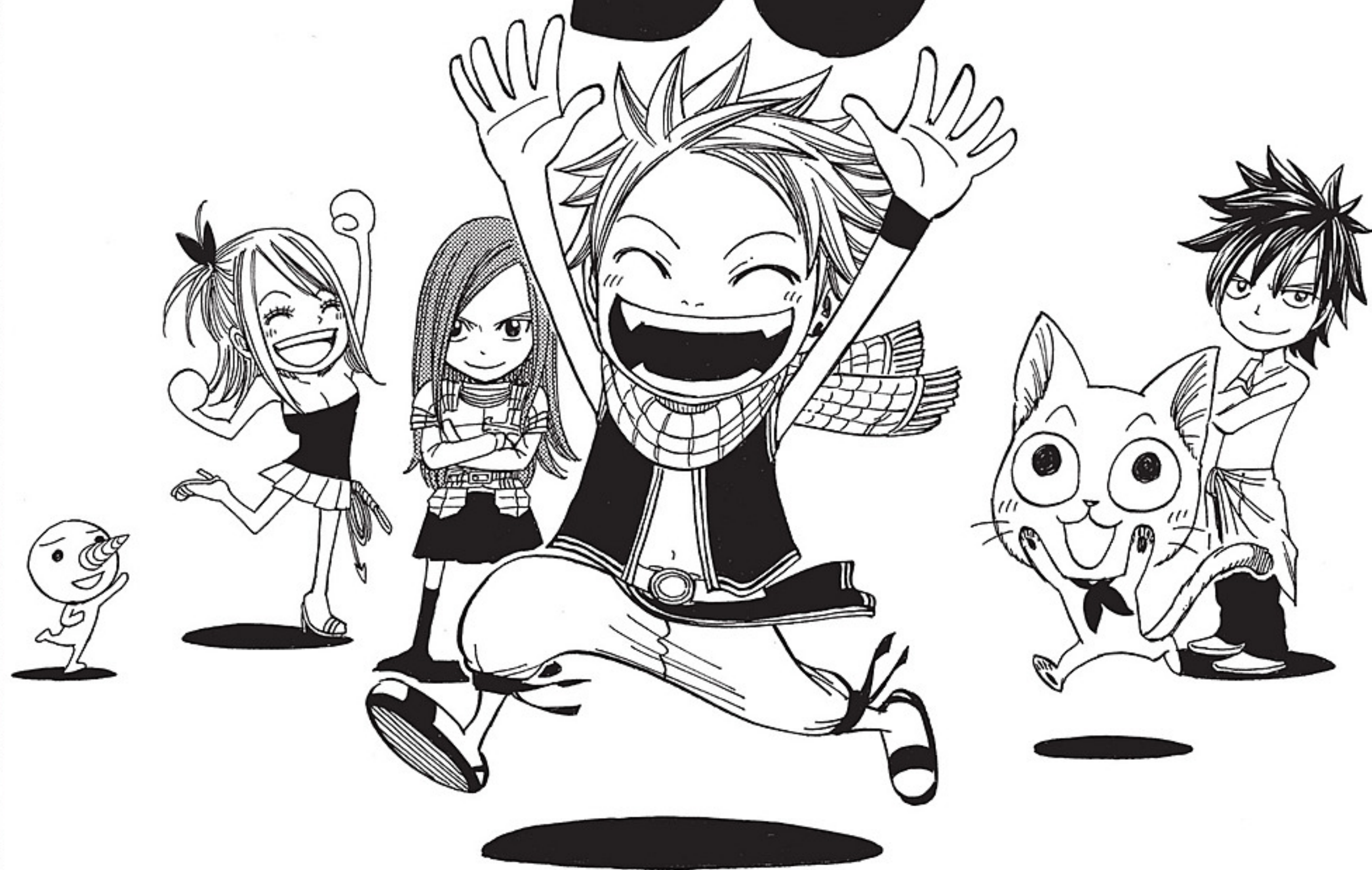
You must be joking!!! She is a member of your own guild, and yet you have no idea of who Lucy Heartfilia is?



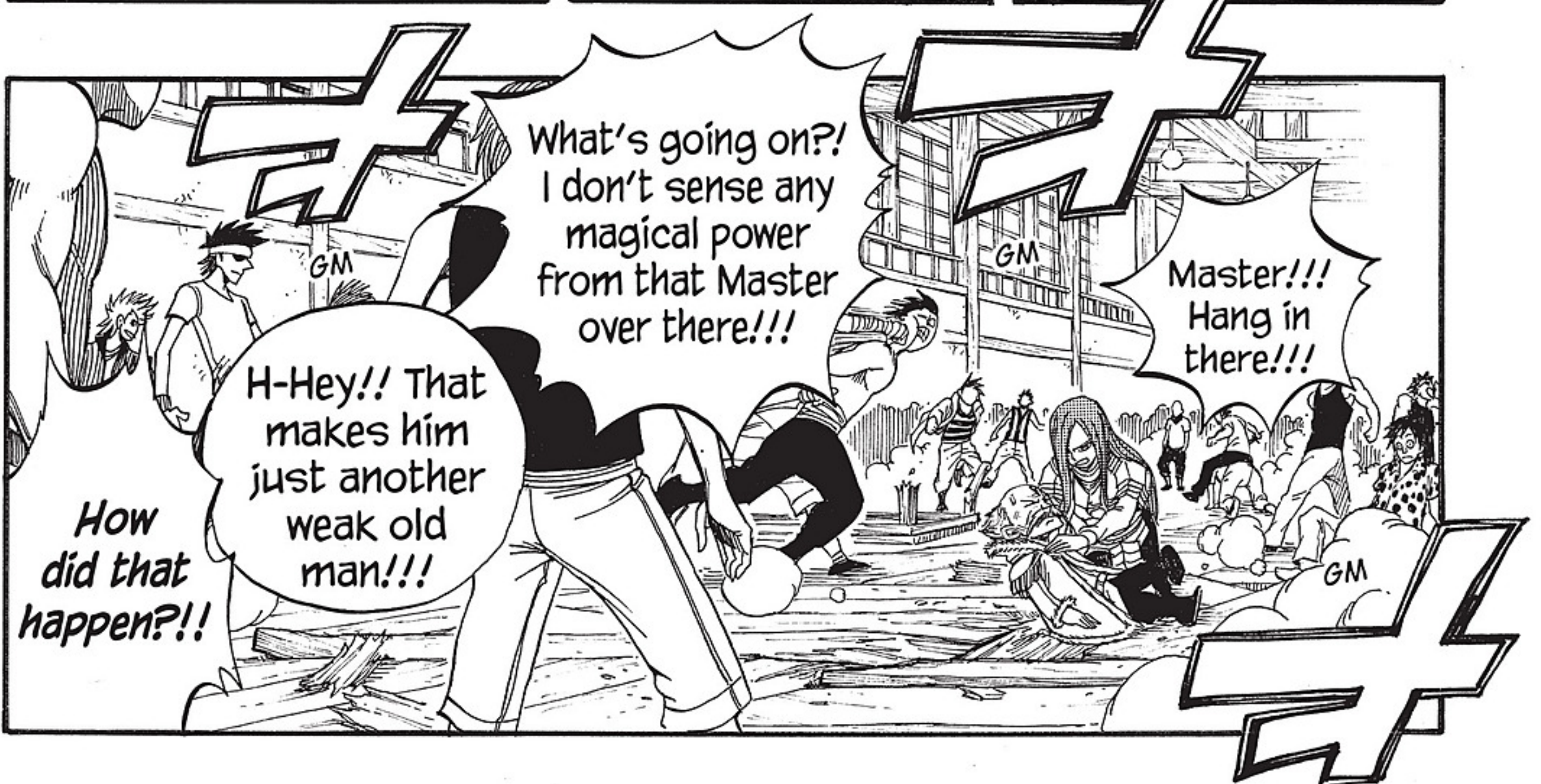
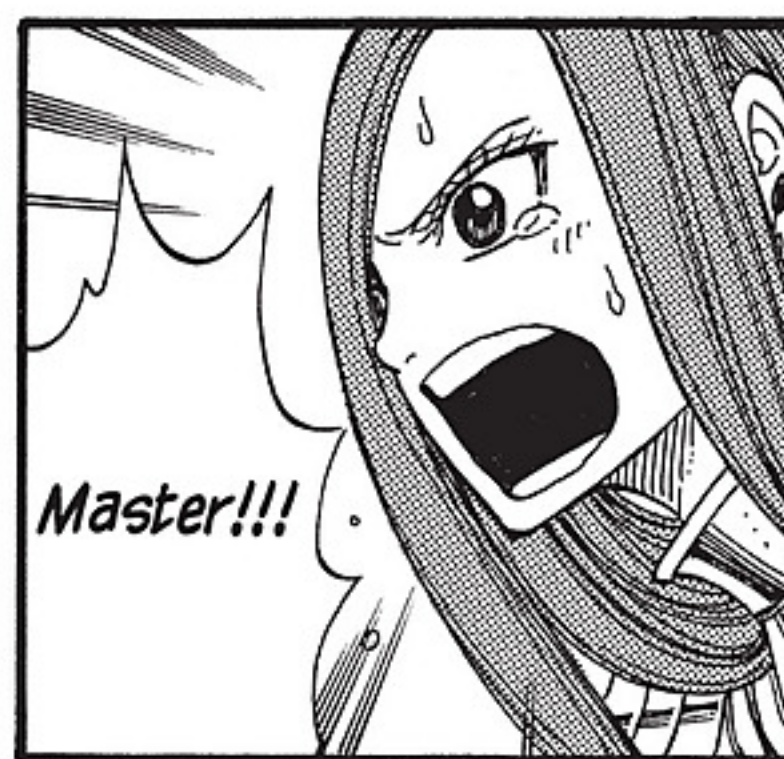
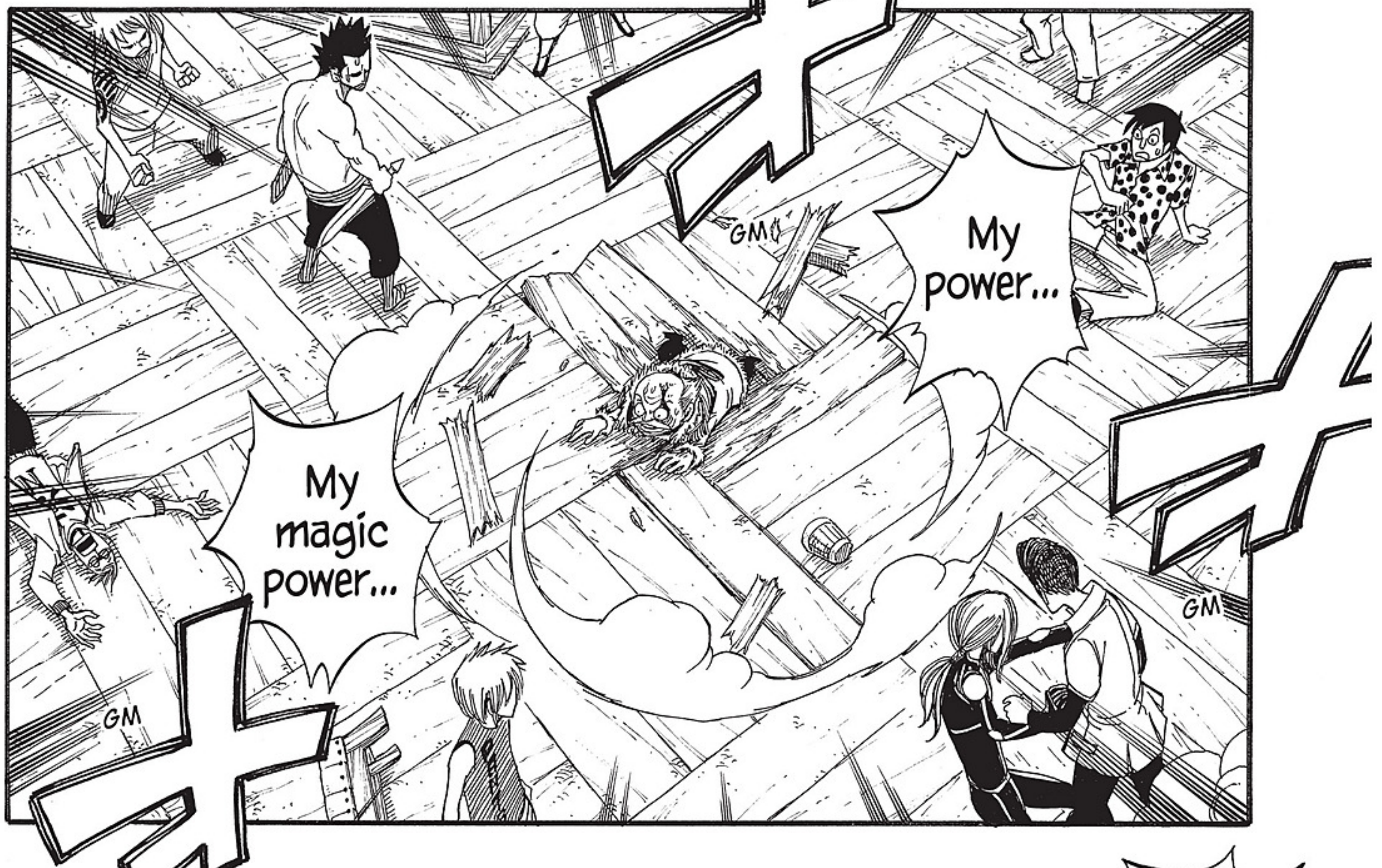


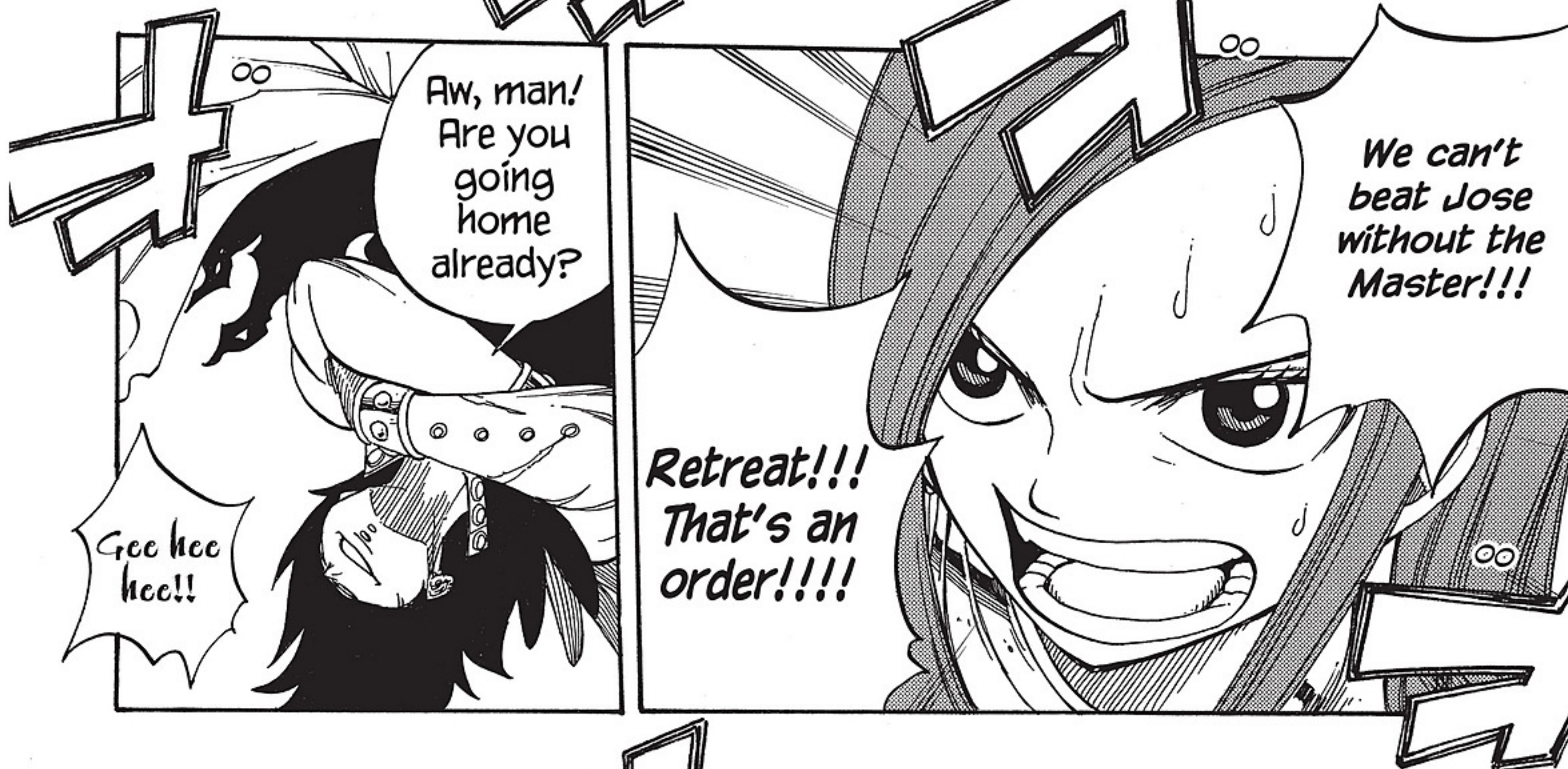
FAIRY & ANI

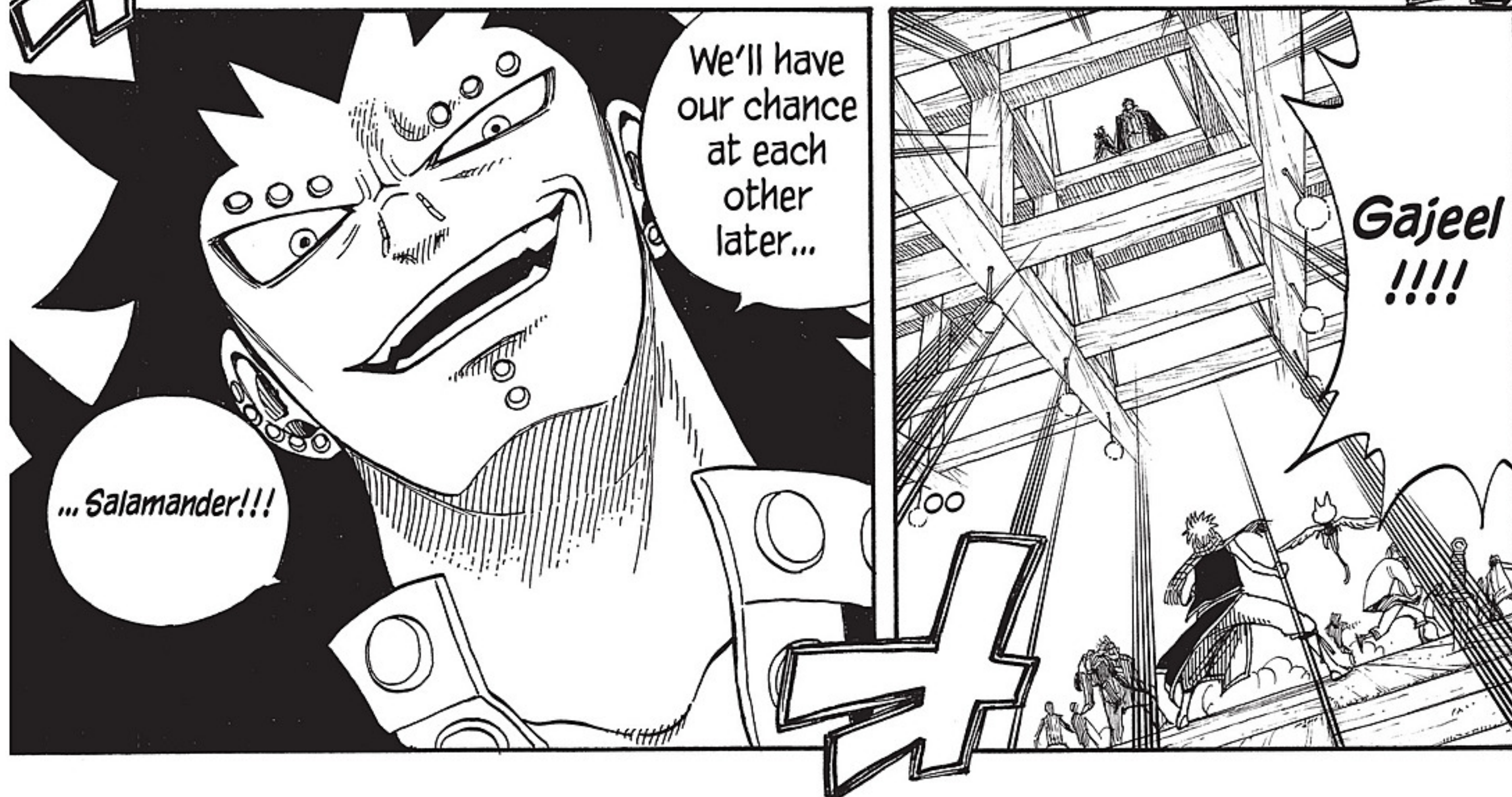
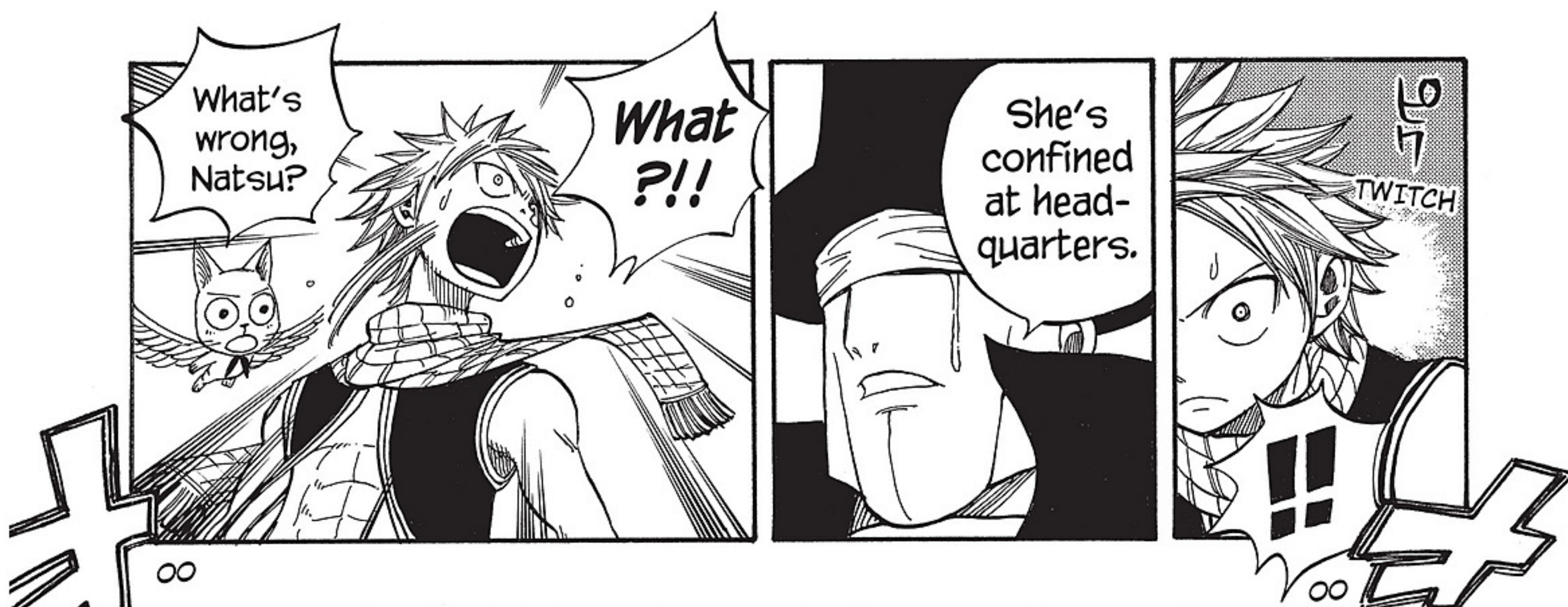
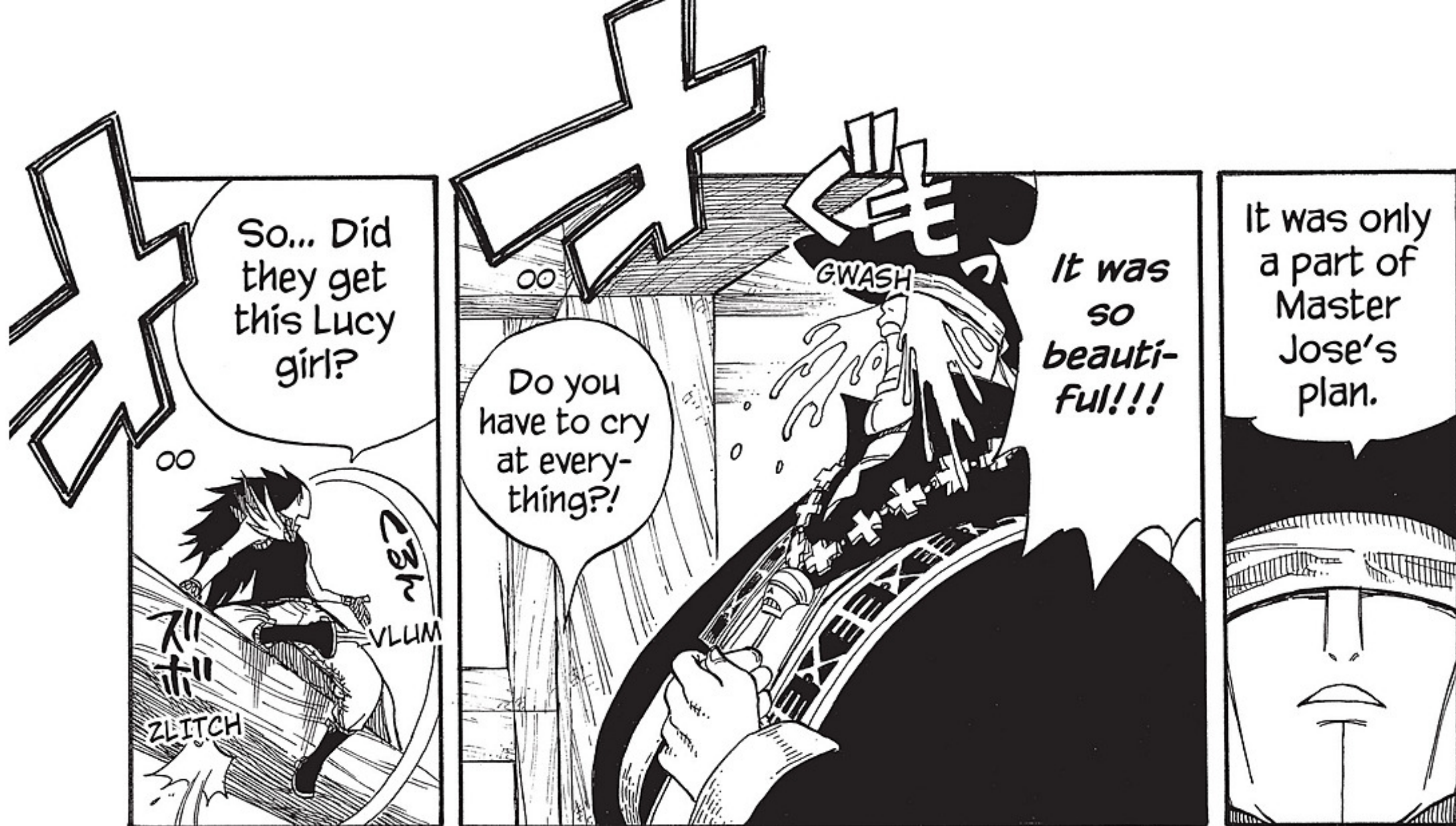
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Chapter 50: Lucy Heartfilia







スウウ

SST

Wait!!!

OO

は WHOOSH

OO

OO

OO

You think
we'd let you
run away,
Fairy Tail?!!

Retreat!!!
Fall
back!!!

Eh?!!

They've
captured
Lucy?

OO

What
do you
expect?!!
I'm going
to rescue
Lucy!!!

DMP

DMP

DMP

DMP

Natsu!!!
What
are you
doing?!!

Ohh?

GRIMP

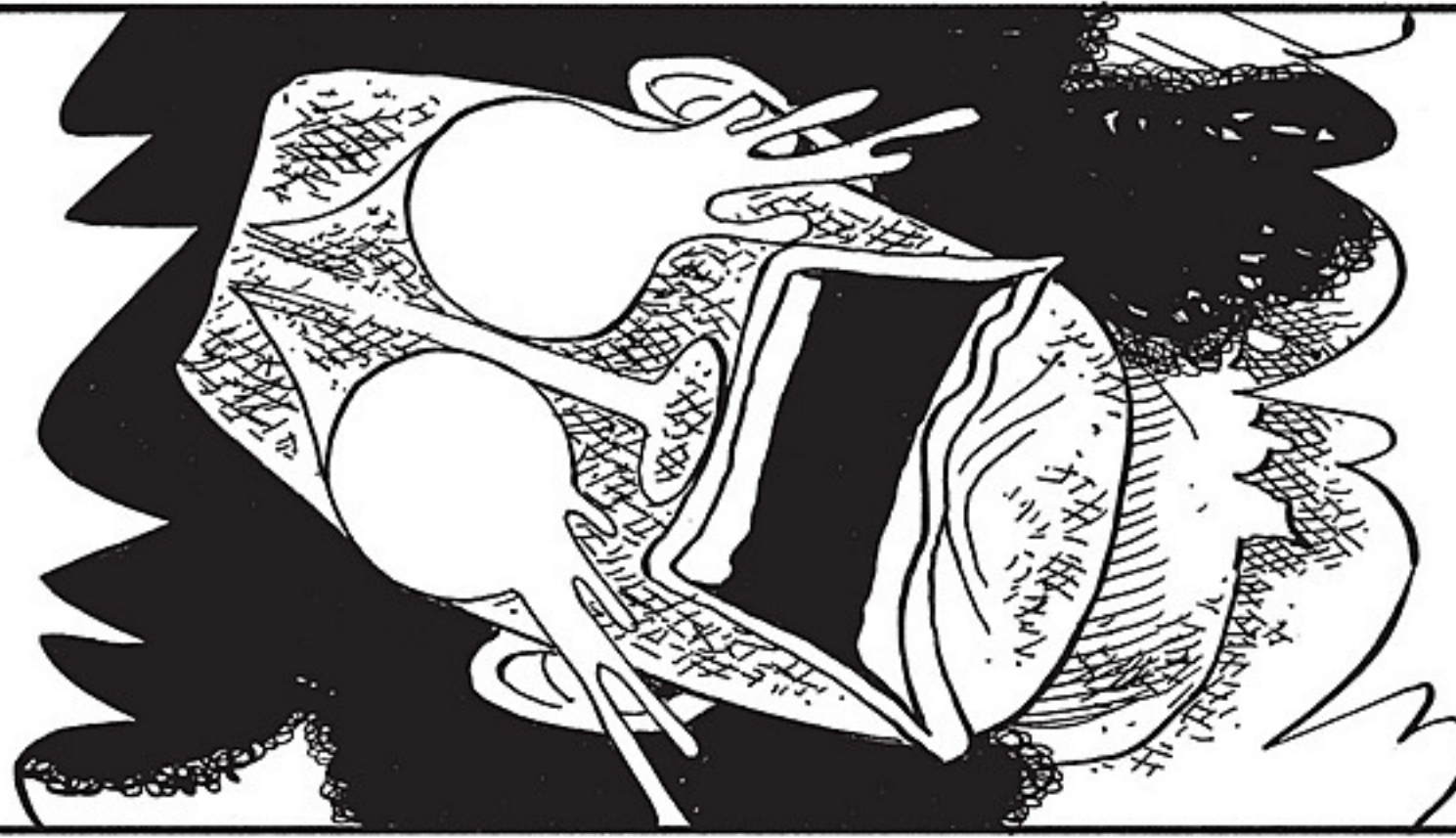
You're
coming
with me!!

OO

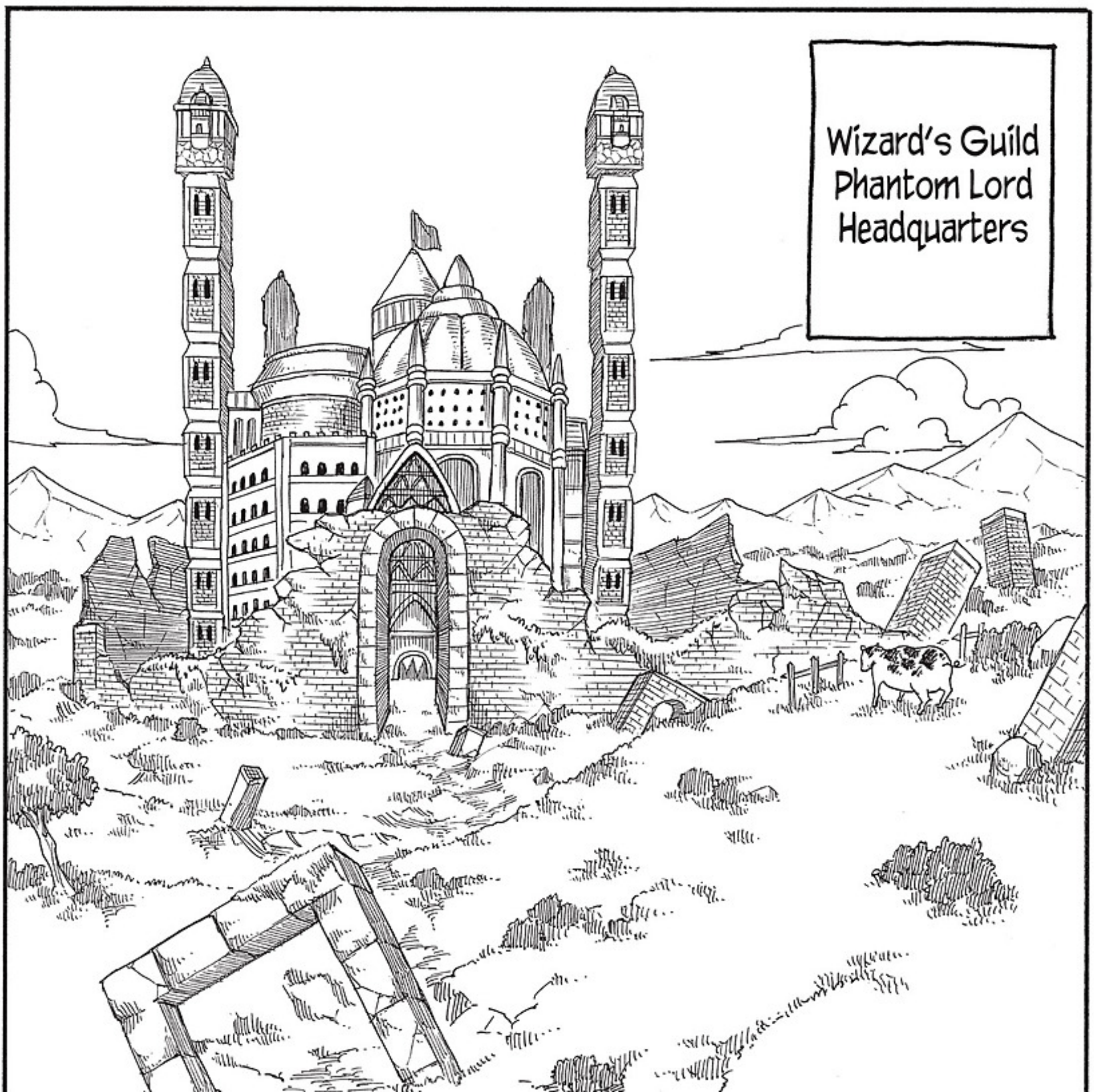
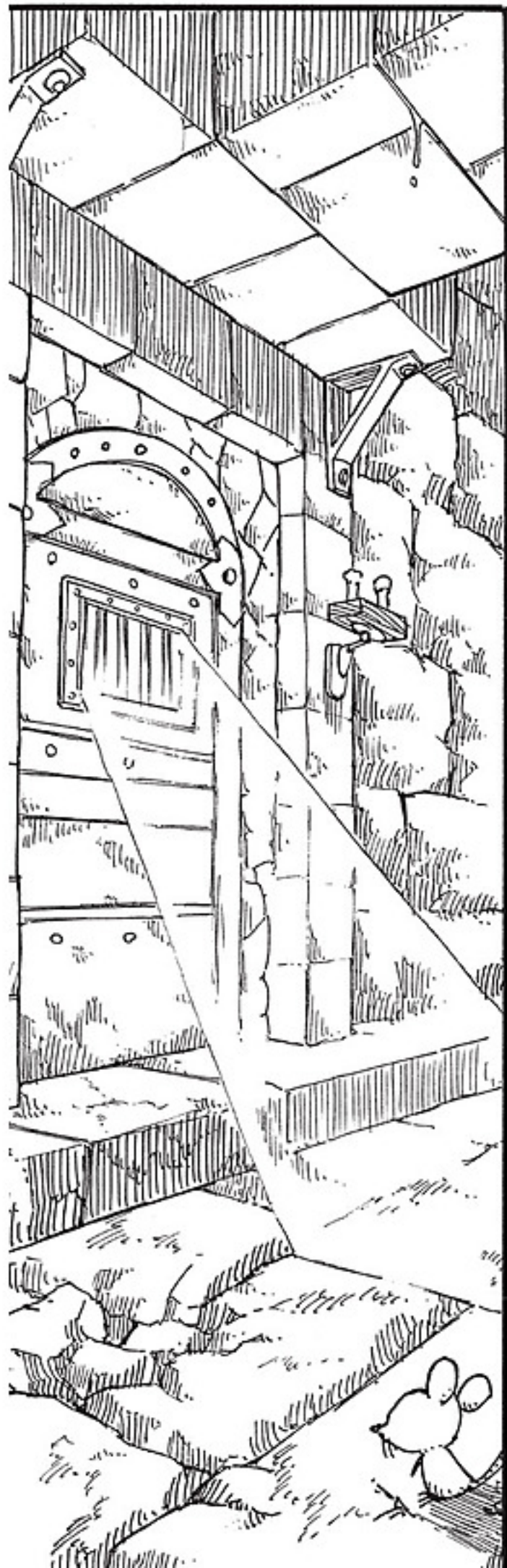
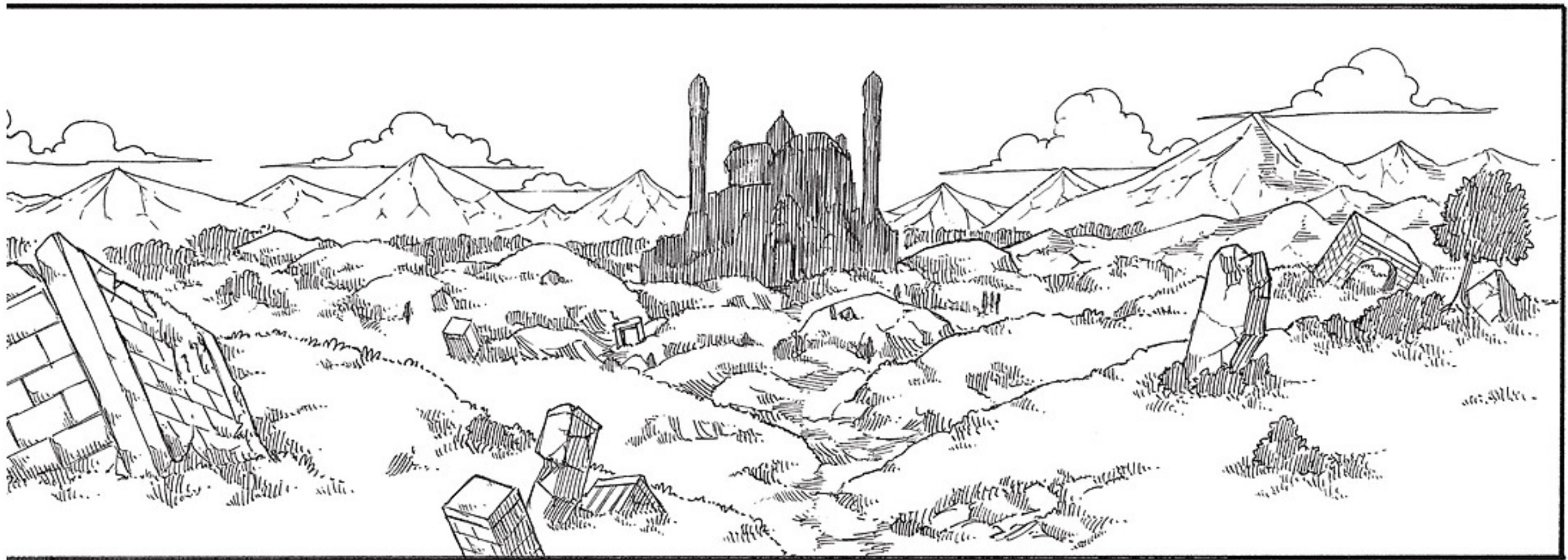




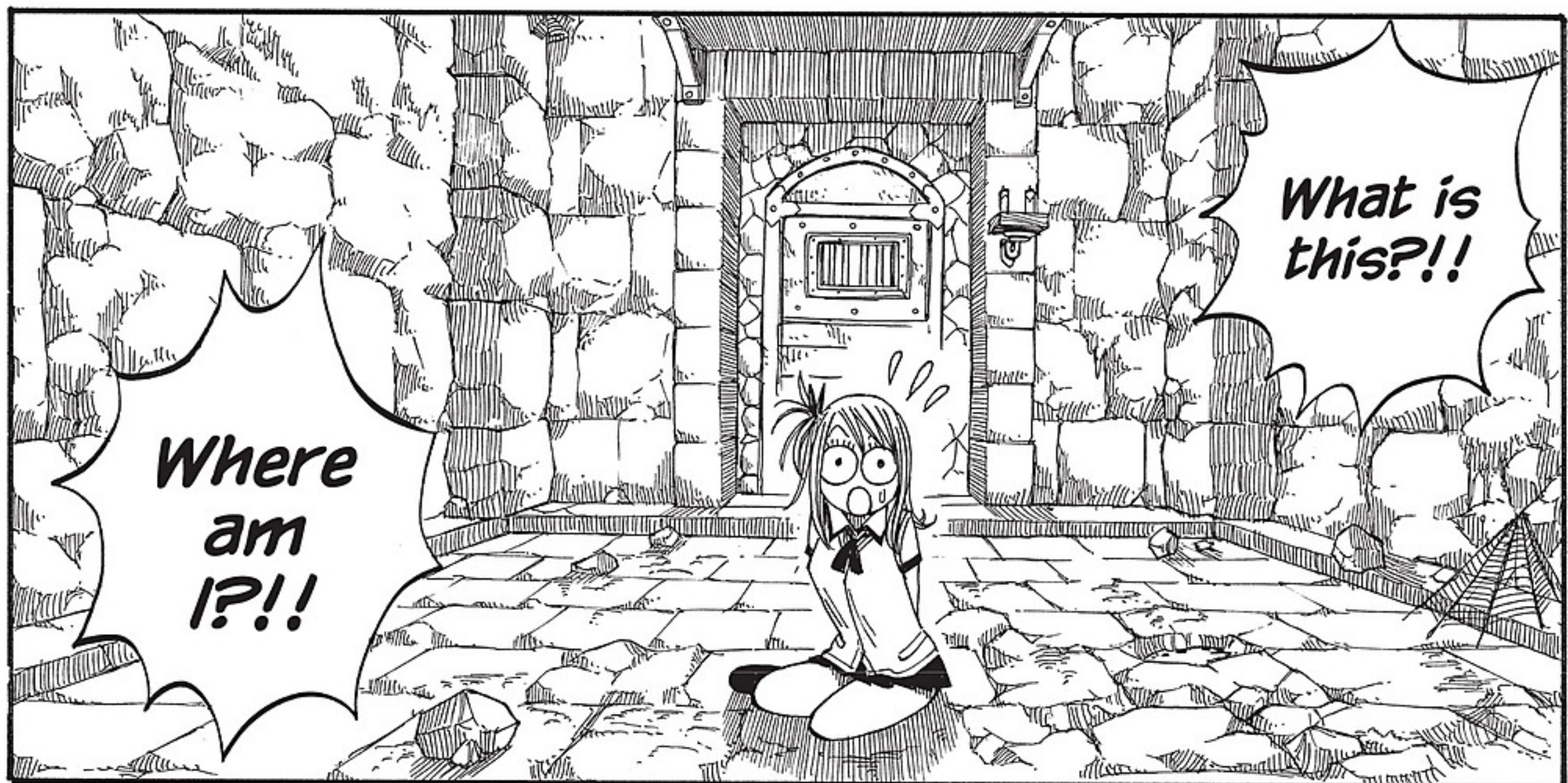
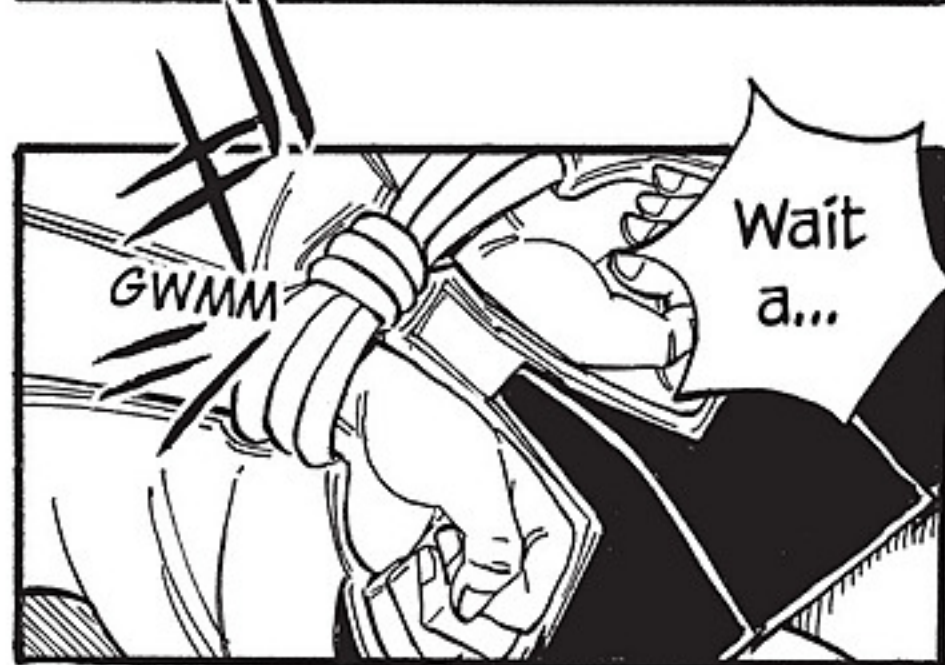
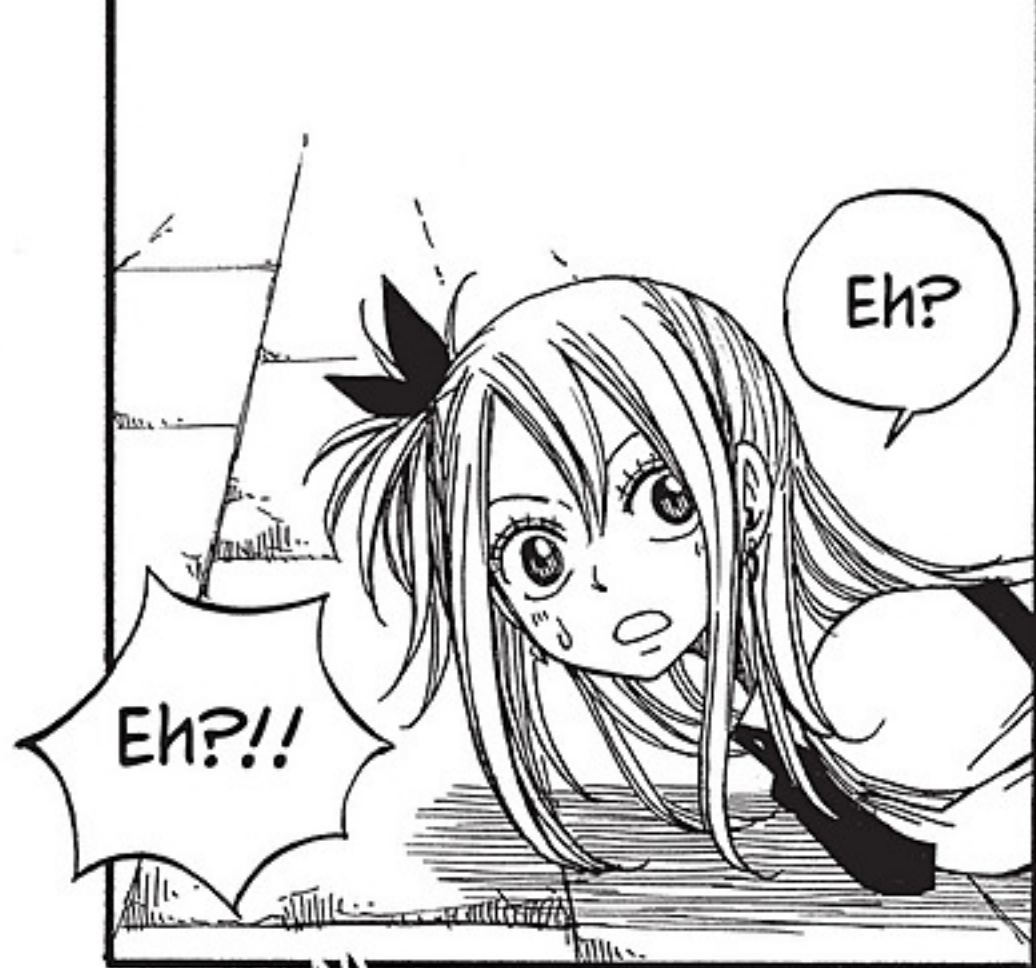
But...our
headquarters
is a little
farther this
way up the
hill!!! Sh-
She may be
there!!!!



Eee!!!
I-I don't
know!!!
I've really
never heard
that name
before!!!



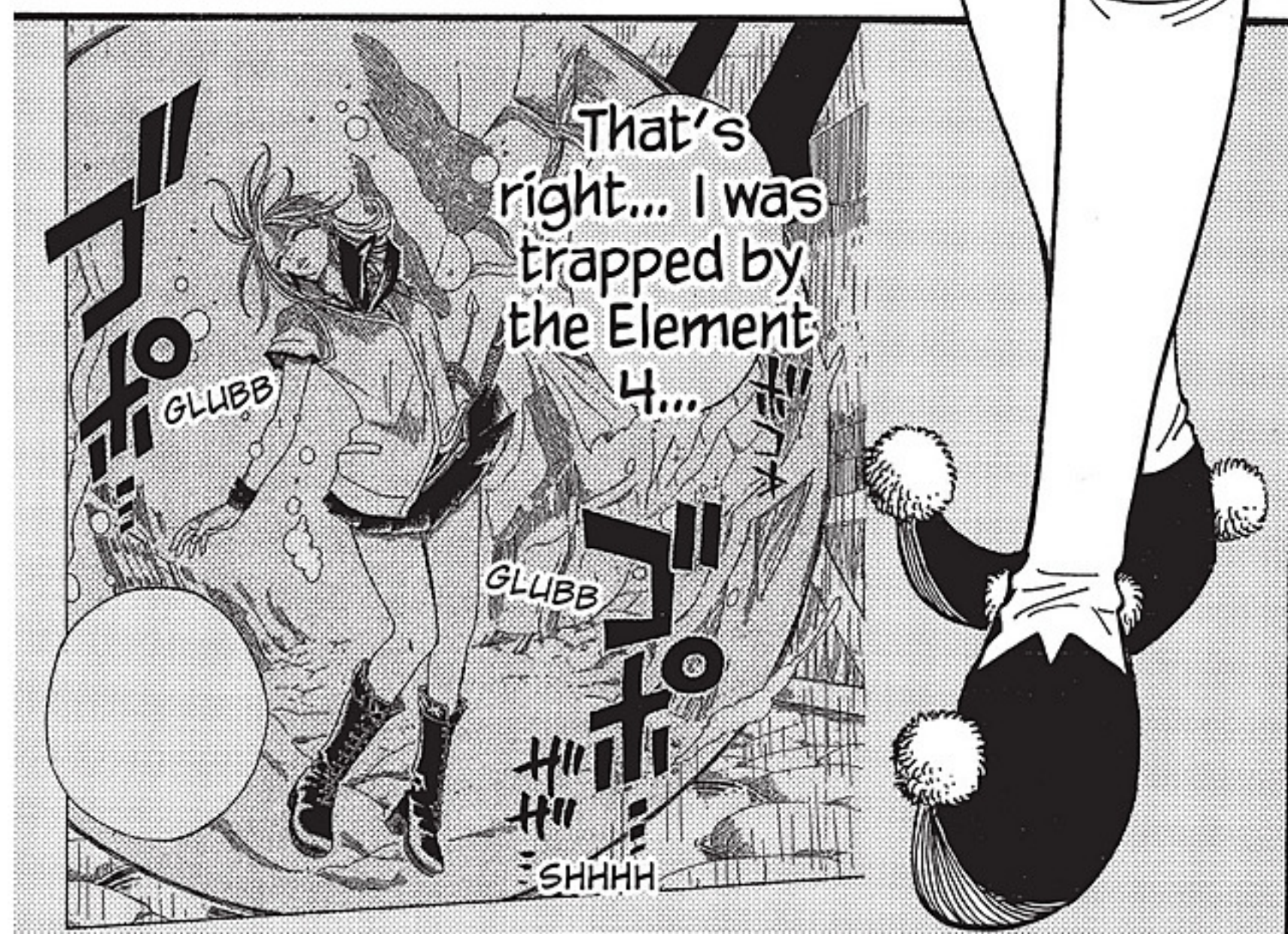
Wizard's Guild
Phantom Lord
Headquarters





*I am called
Jose, the
Guild Master
of Phantom
Lord.*

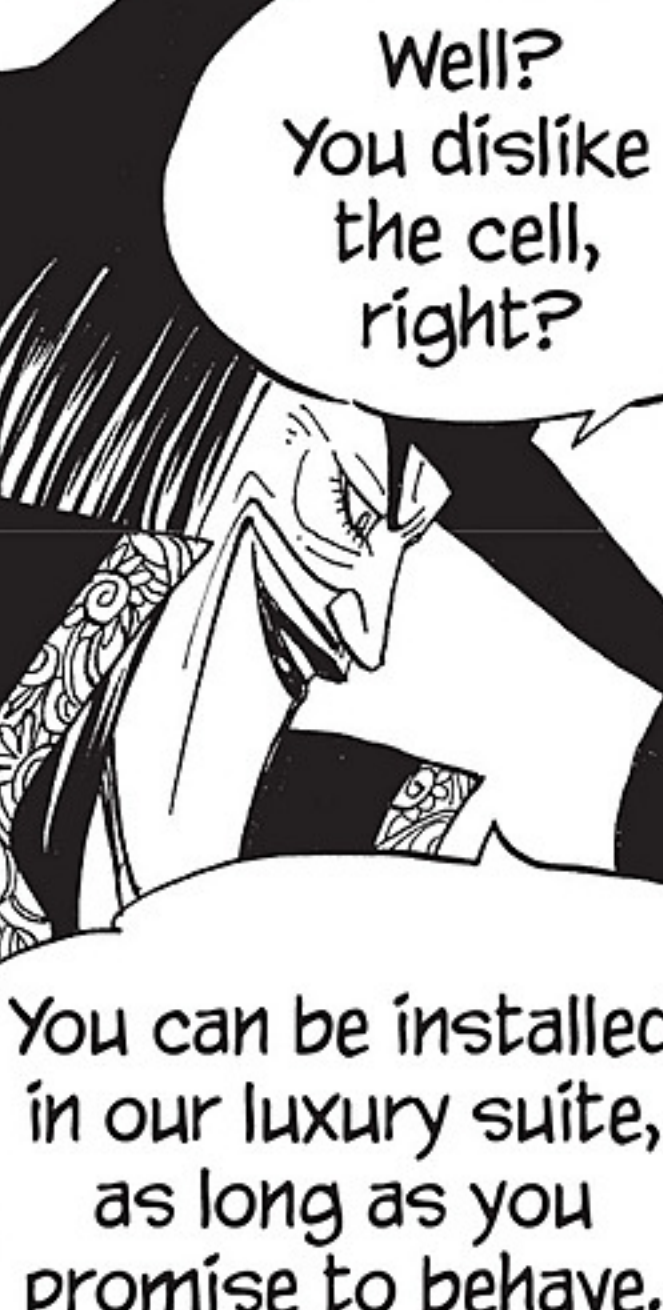
Phantom Lord
Guild Master
Jose Porla

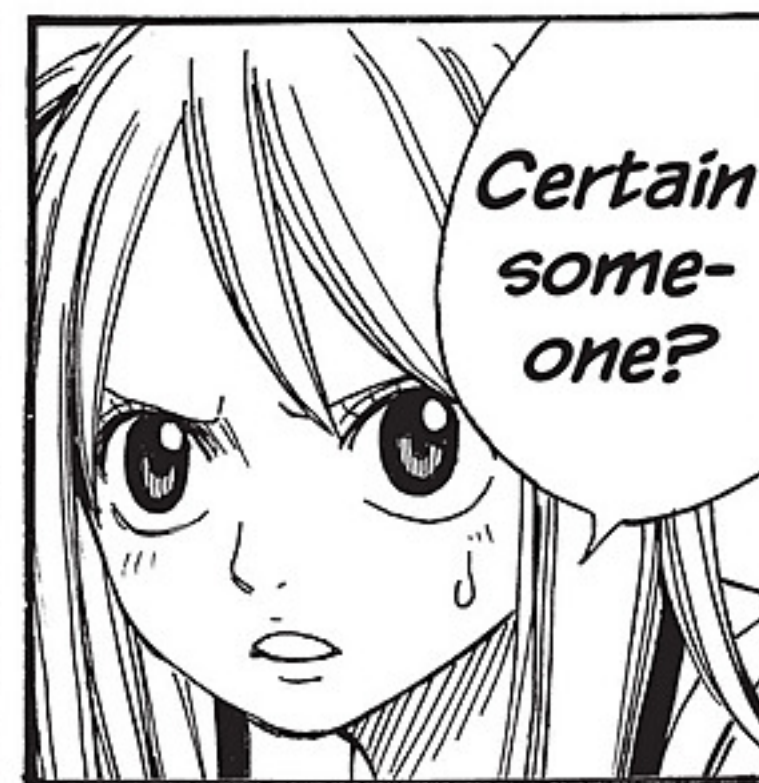
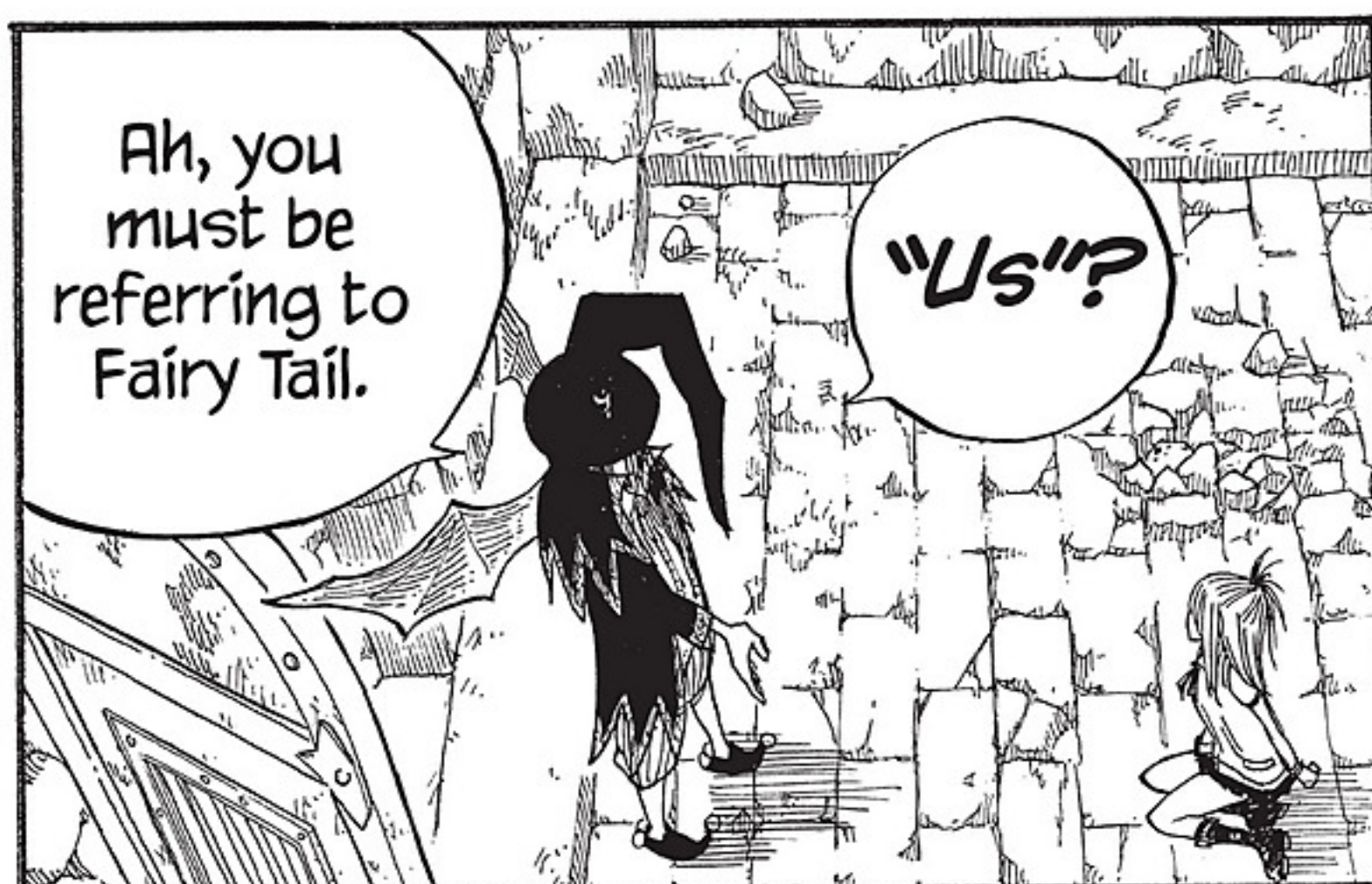


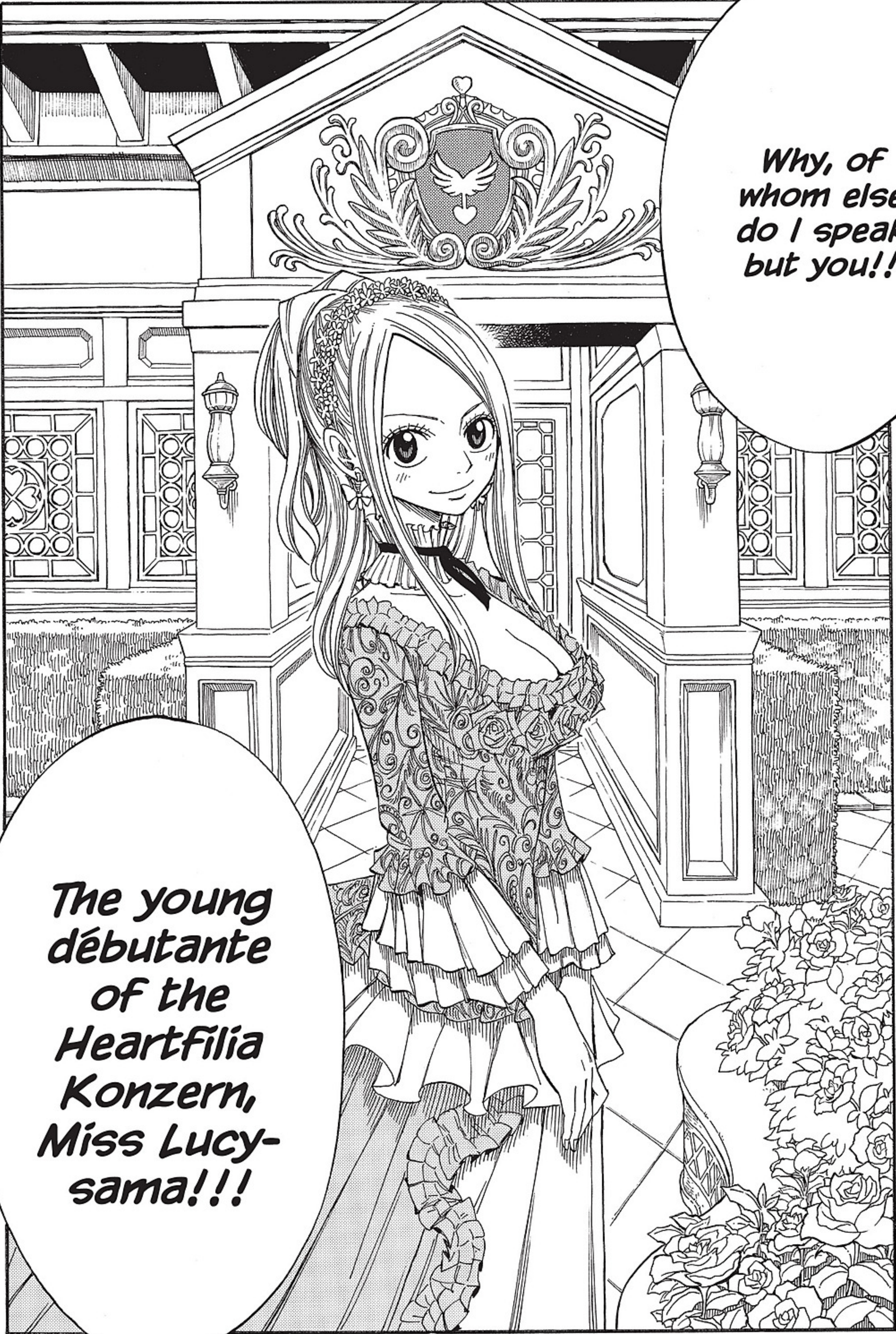
That's
right... I was
trapped by
the Element
4...



Phantom?!!

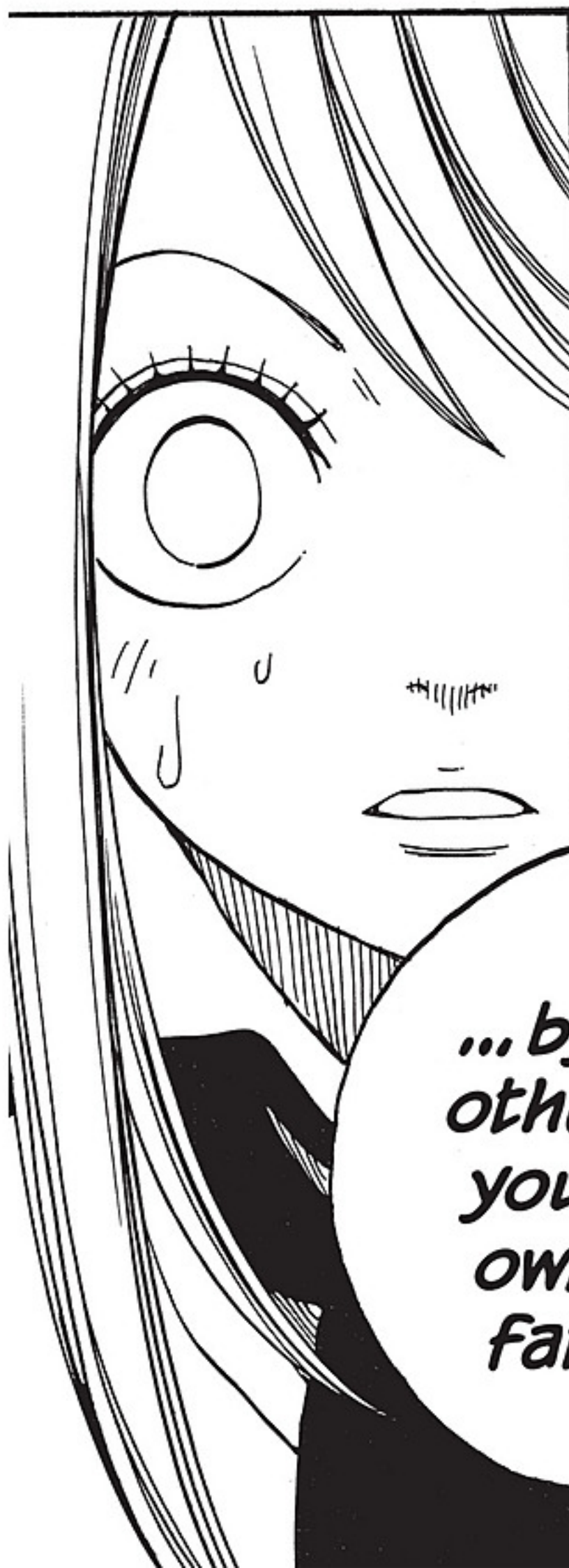
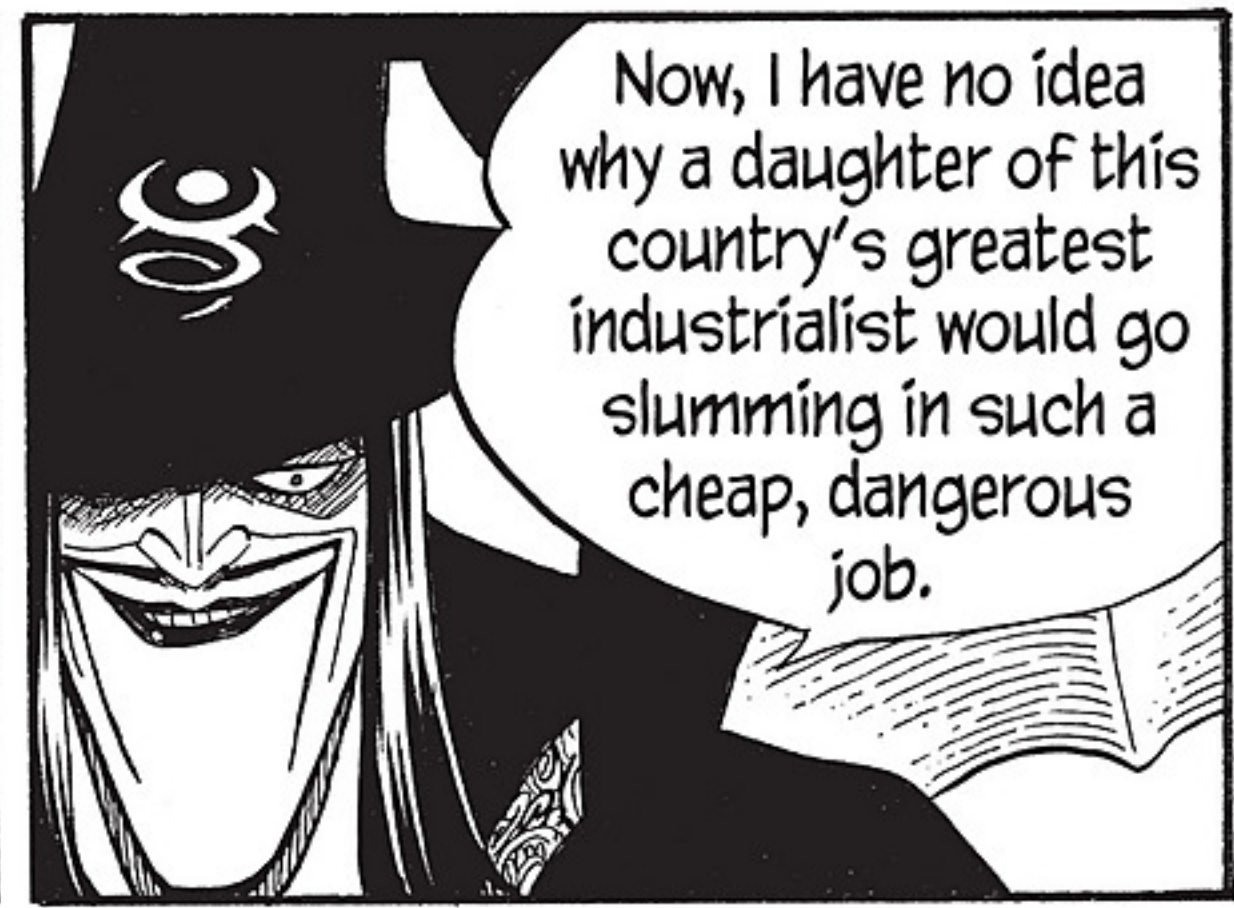
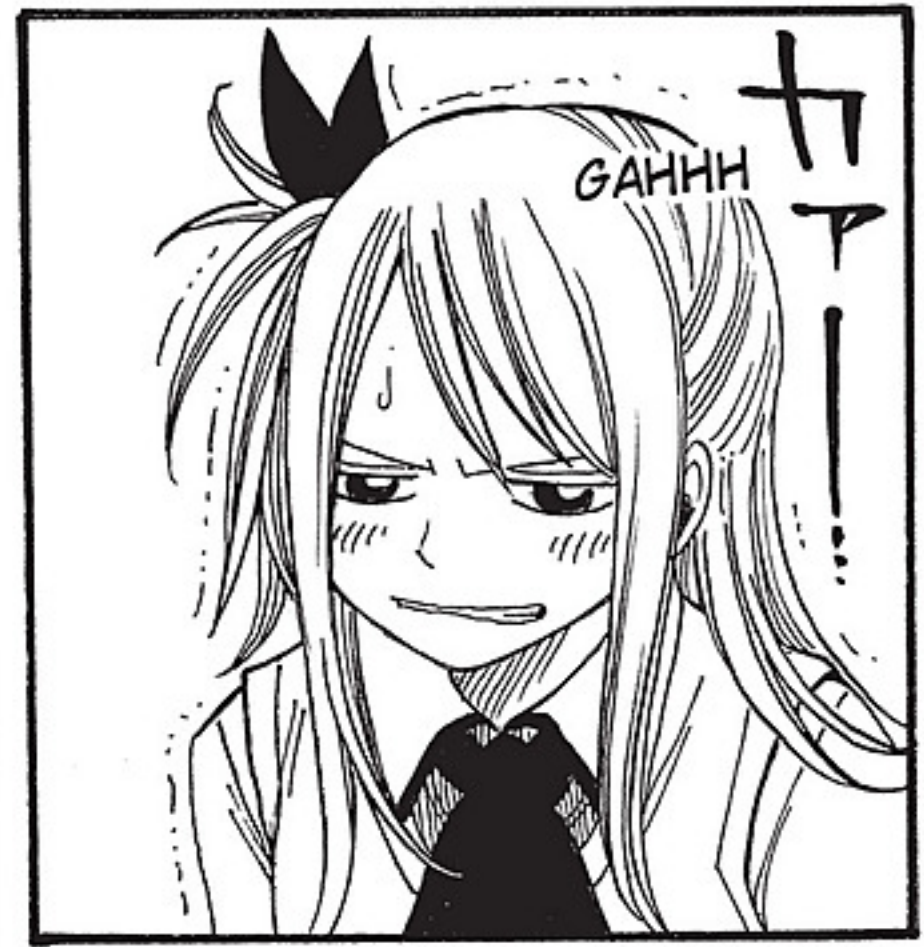
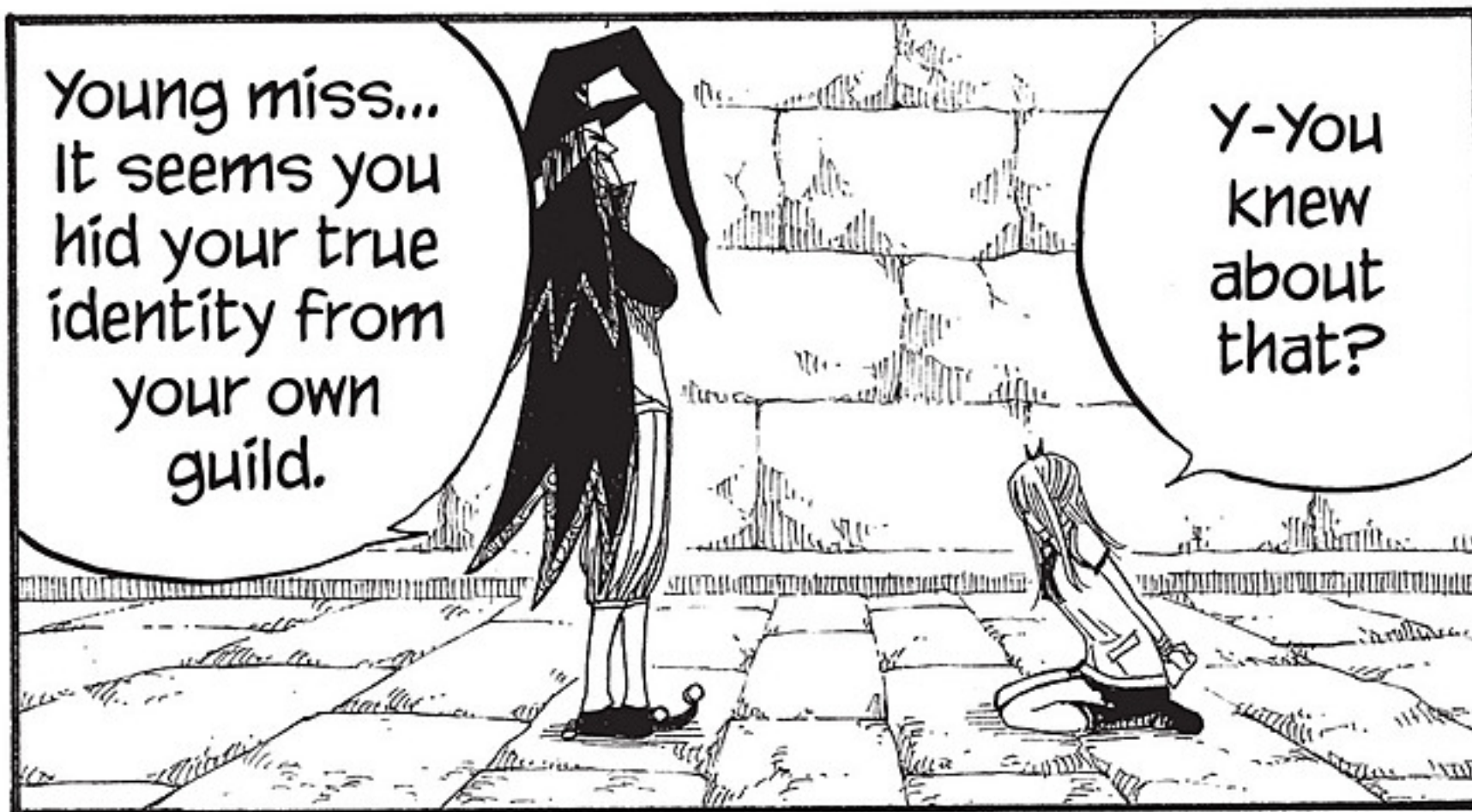


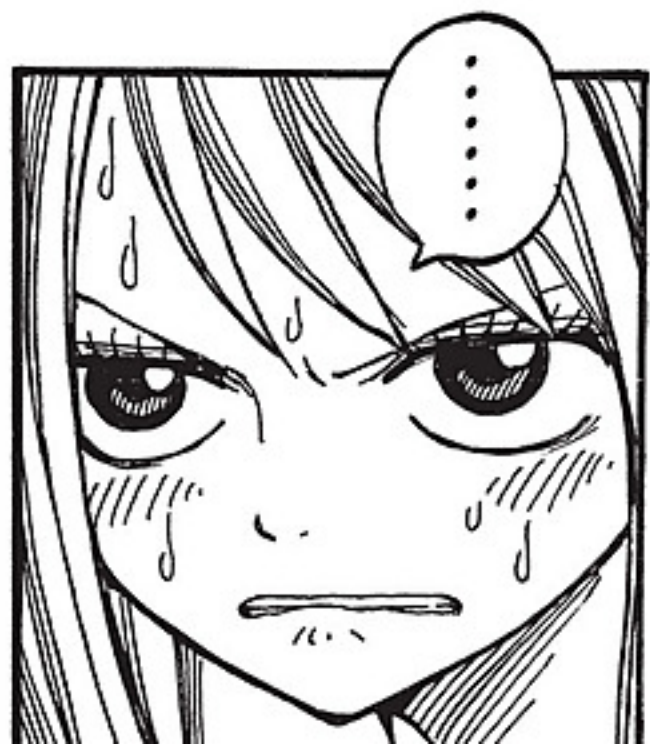
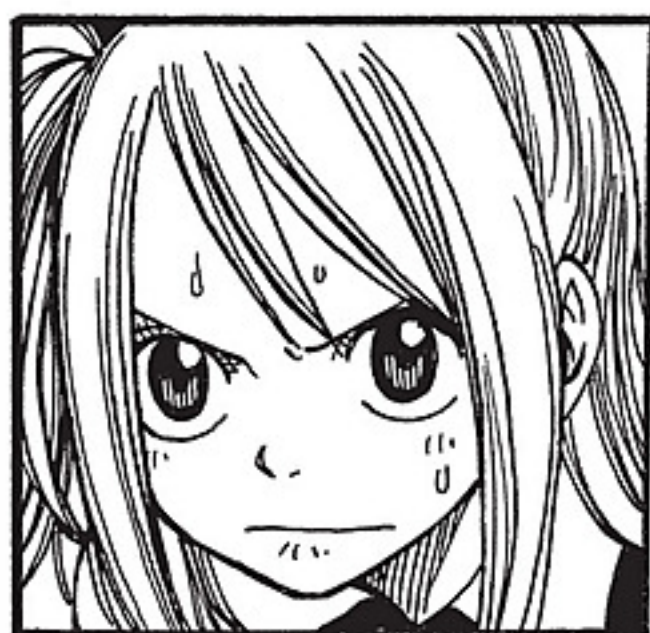
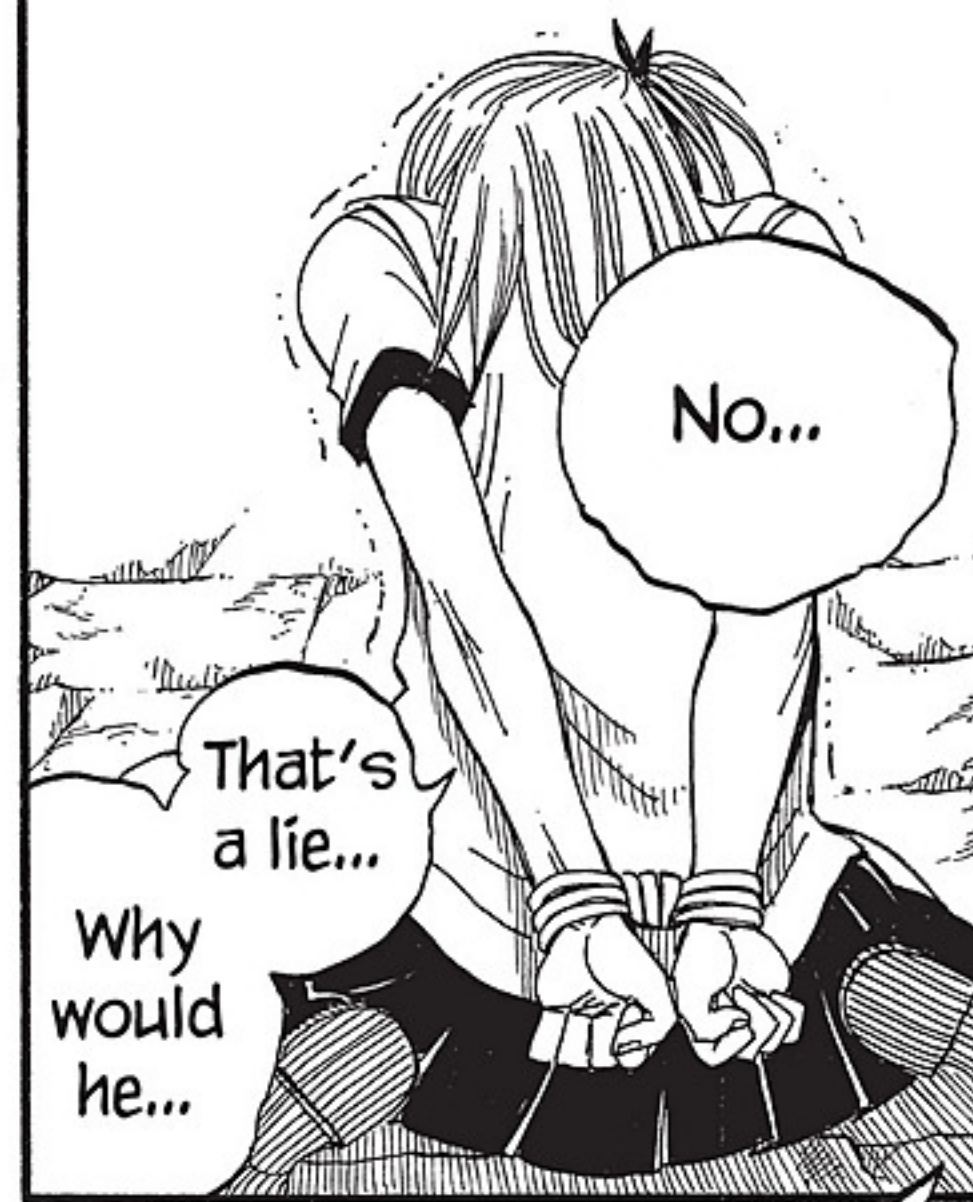
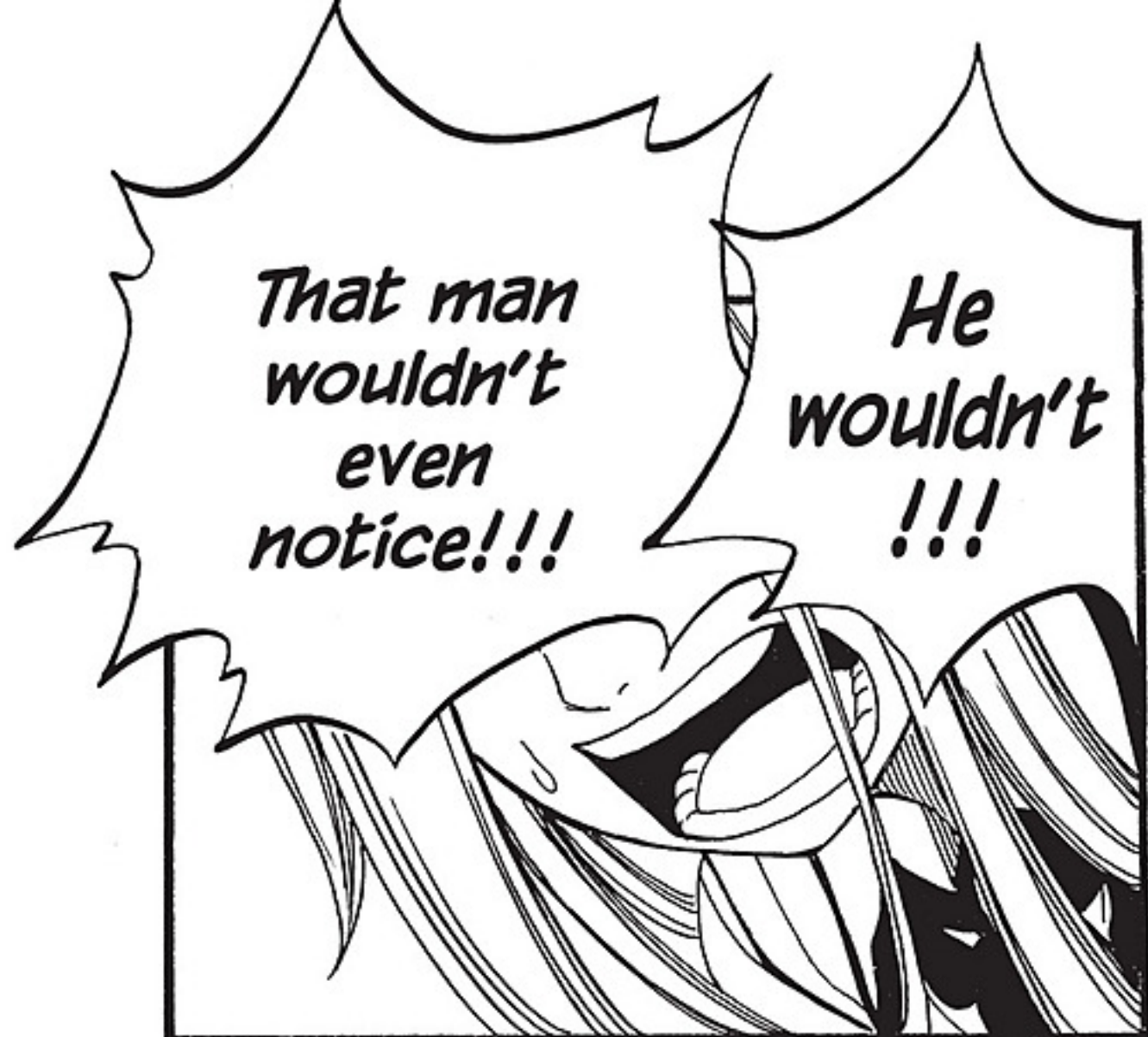




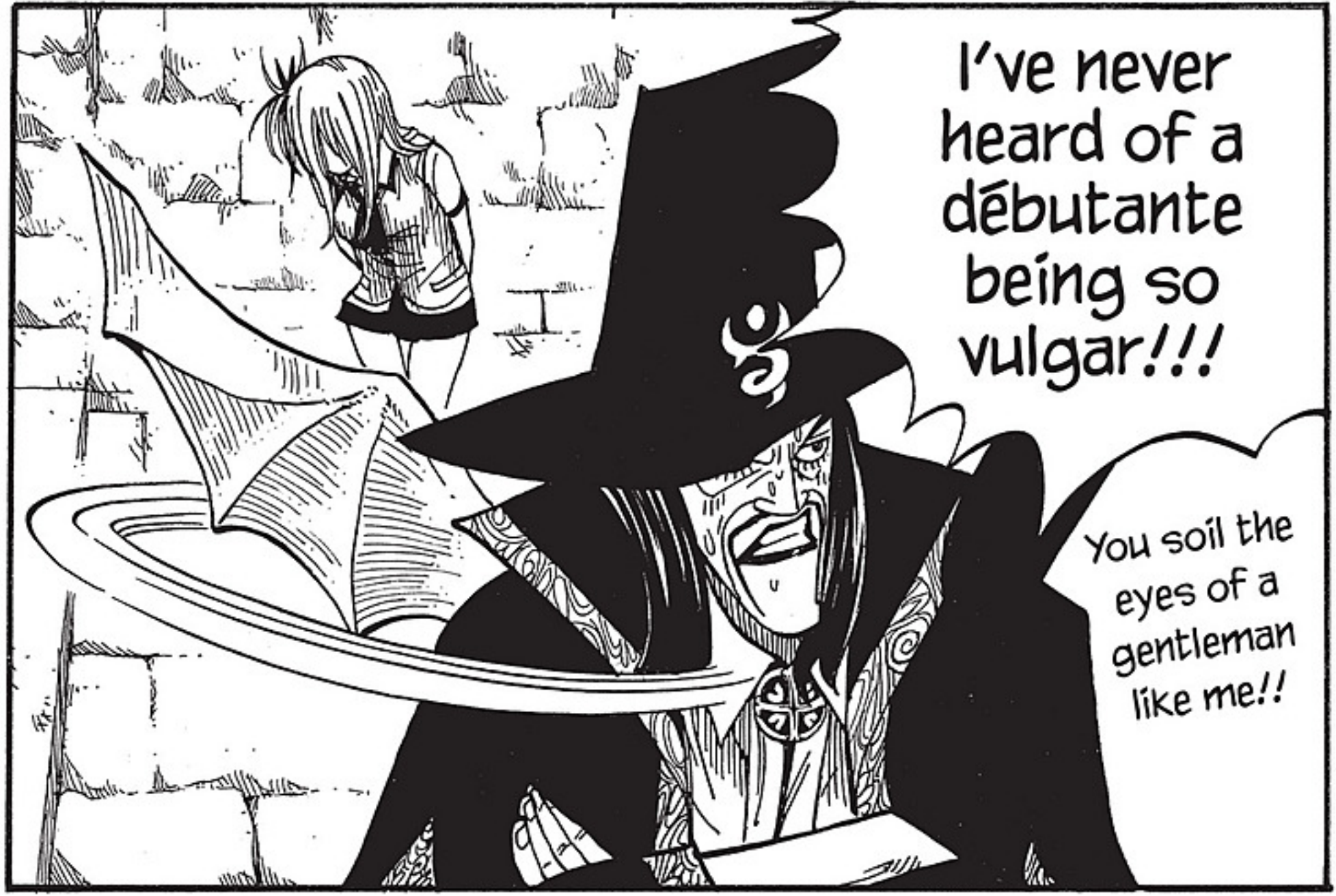
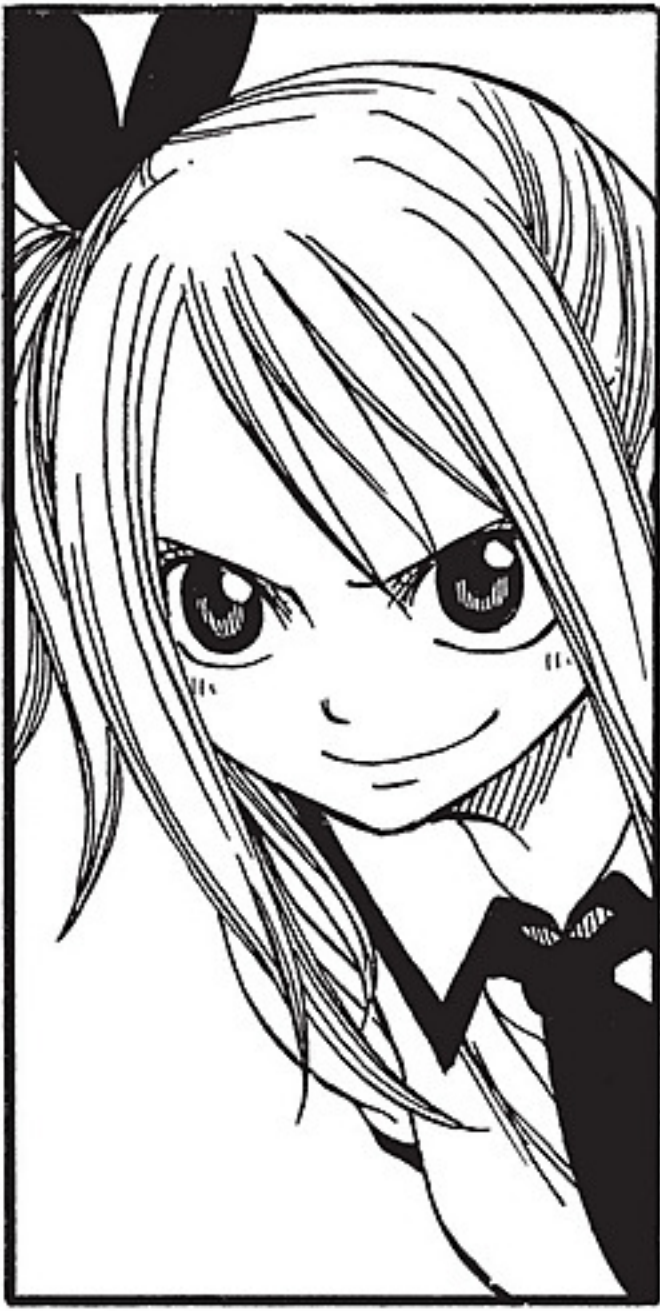
*Why, of
whom else
do I speak
but you!!*

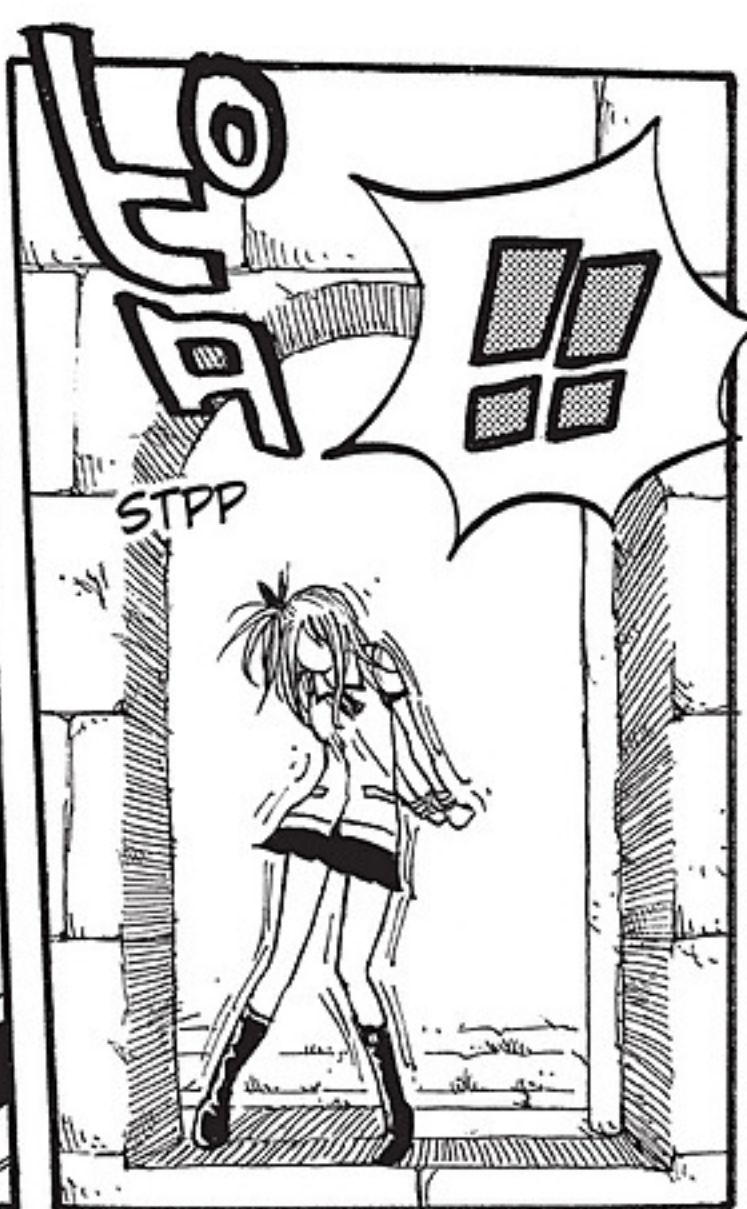
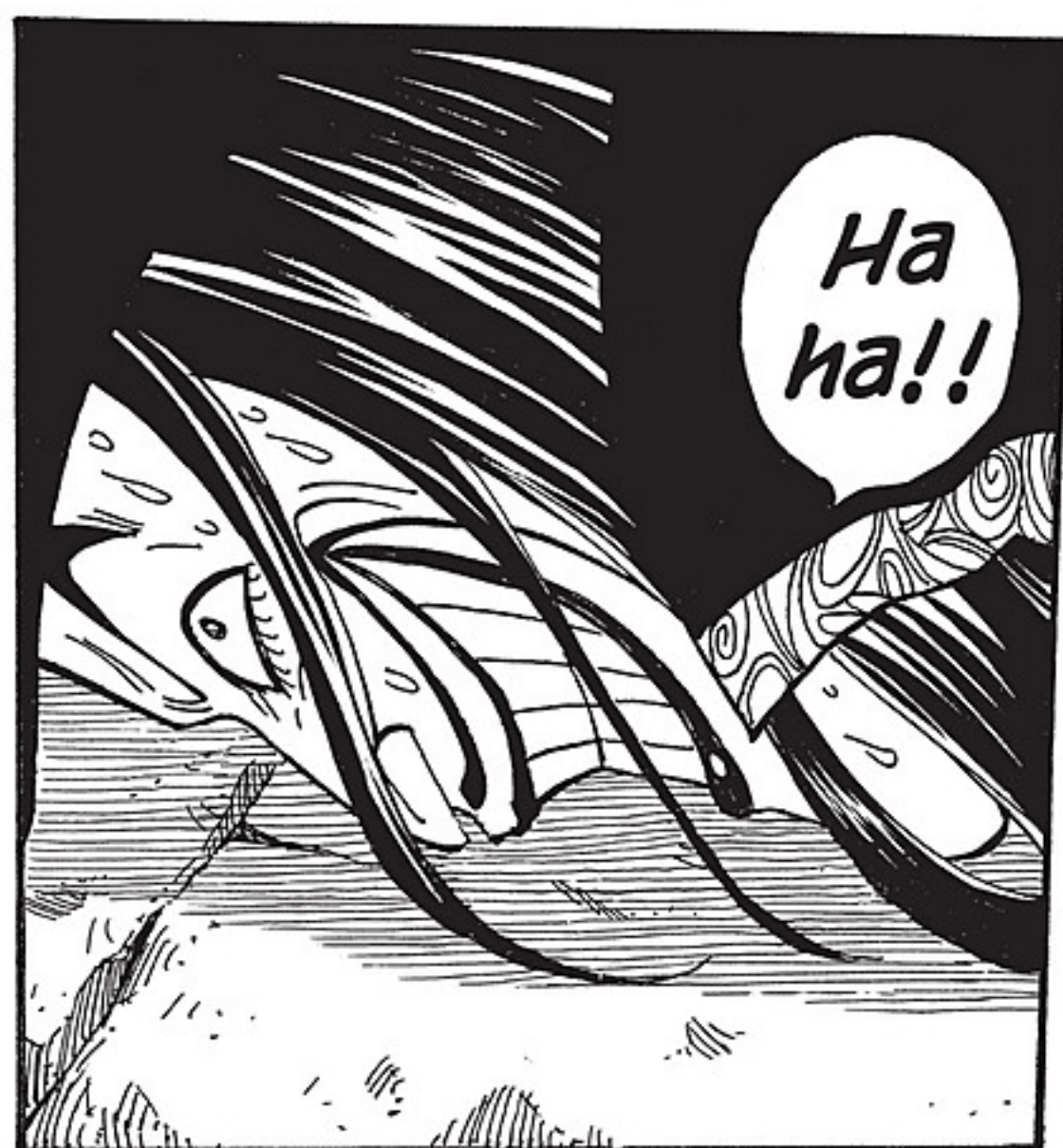
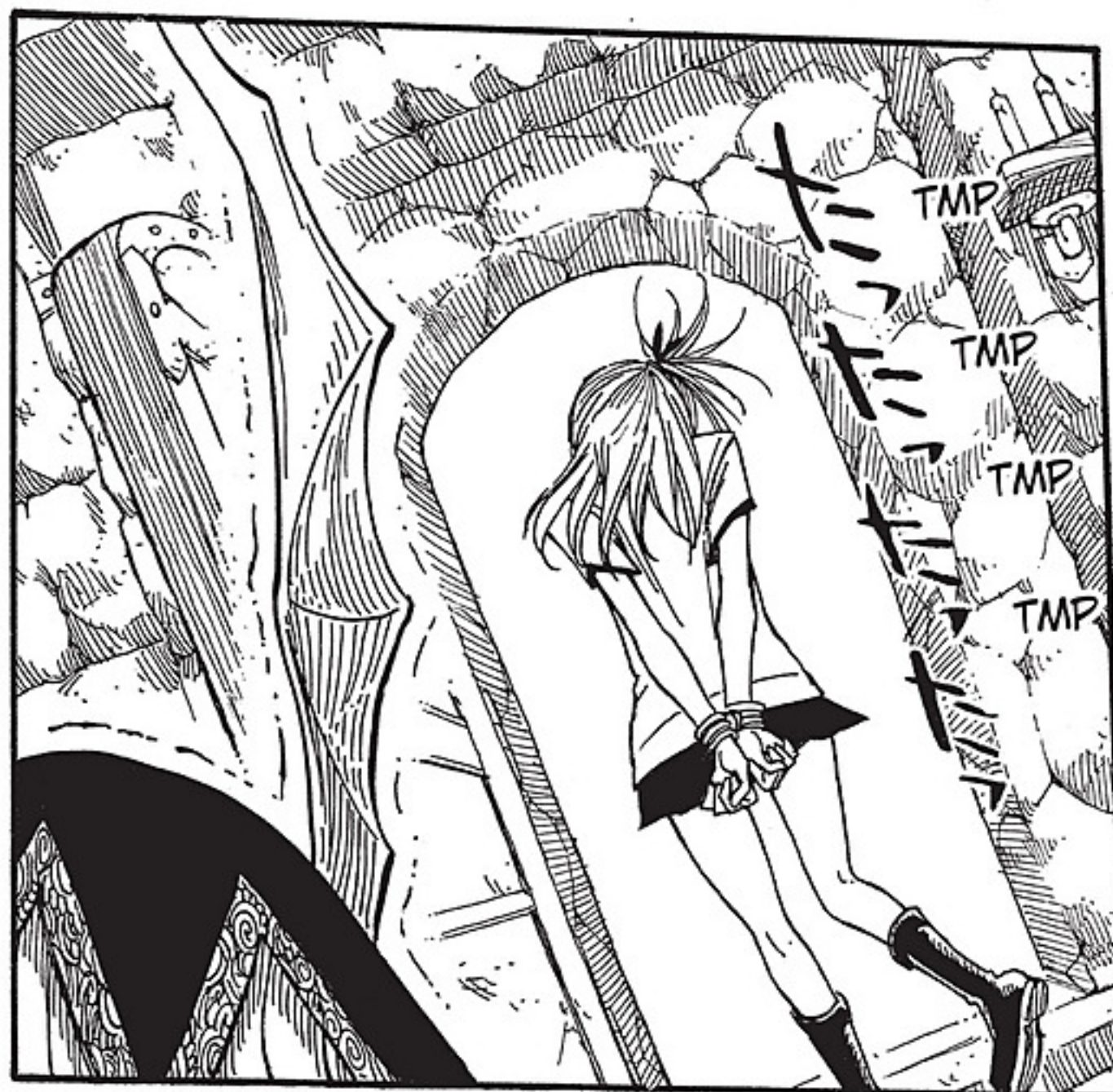
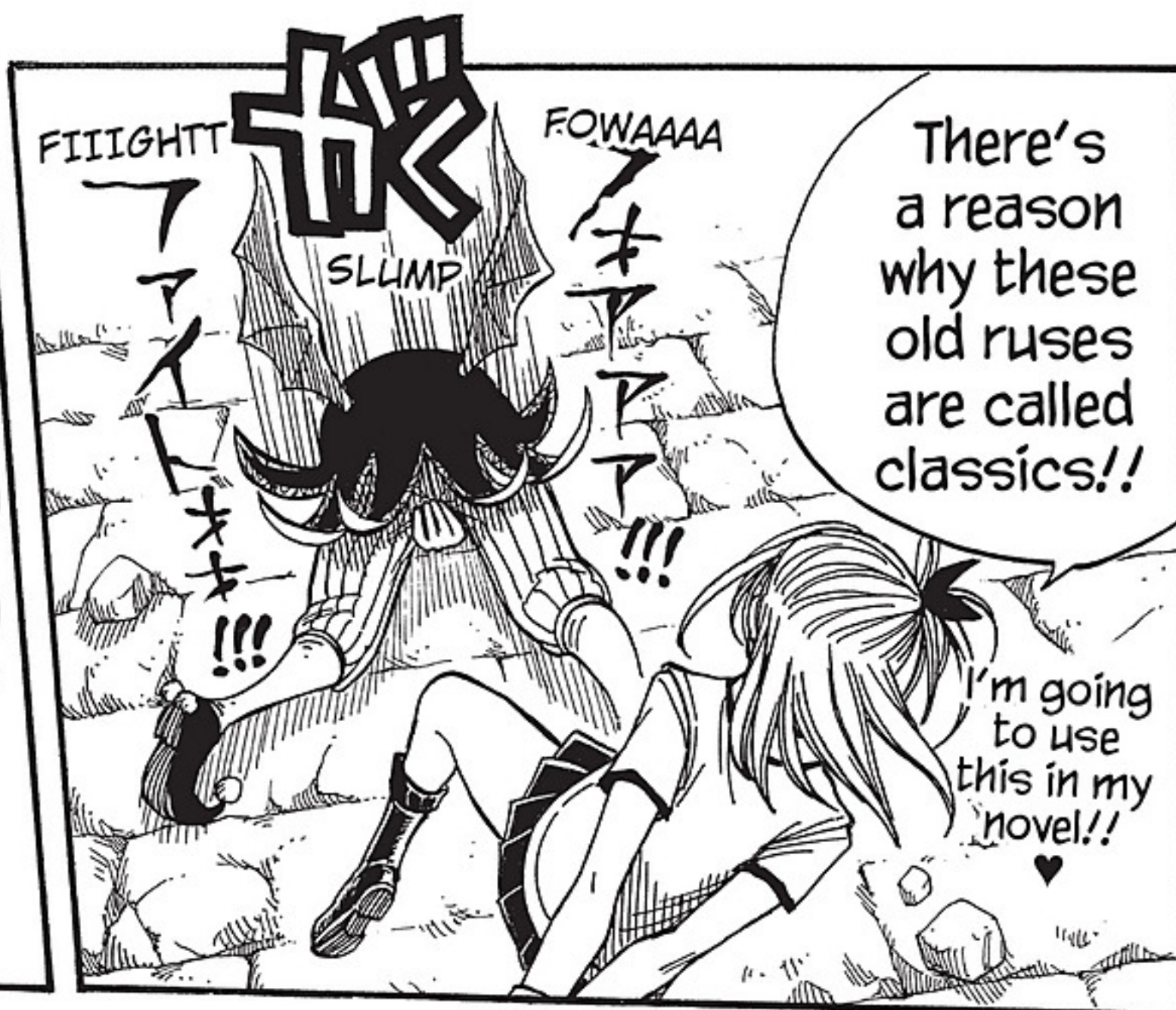
*The young
débutante
of the
Heartfilia
Konzern,
Miss Lucy-
sama!!!*

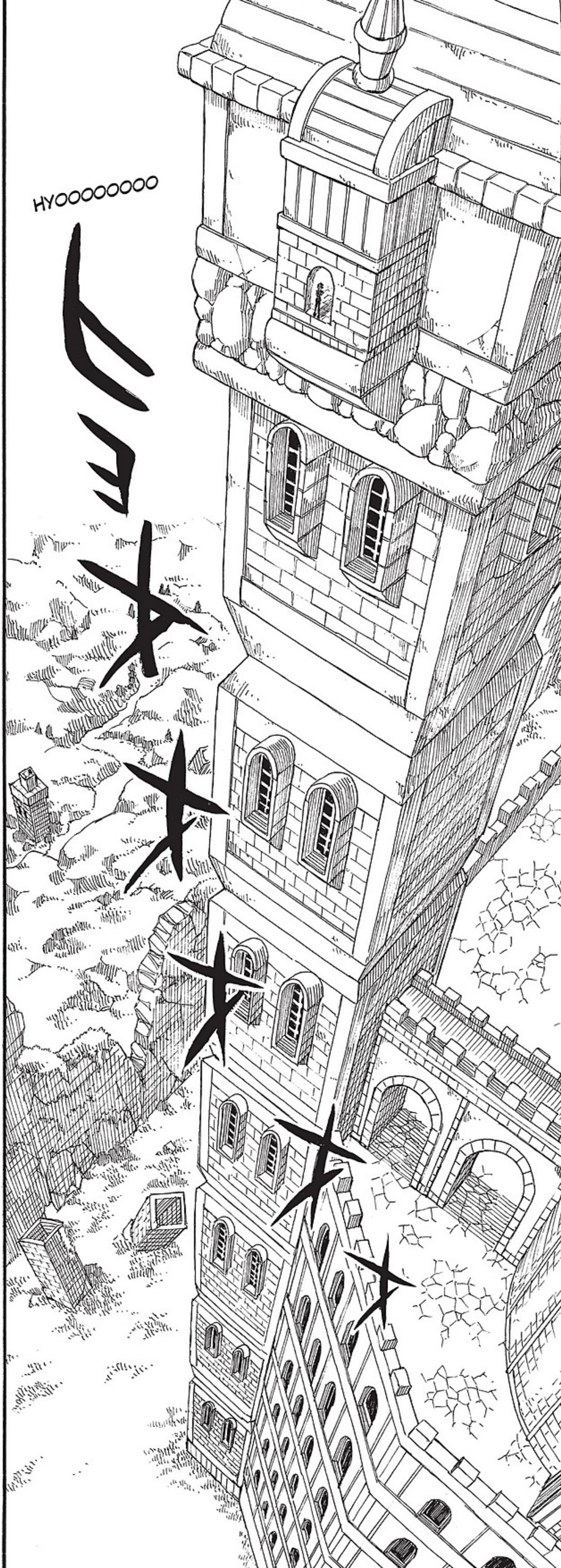
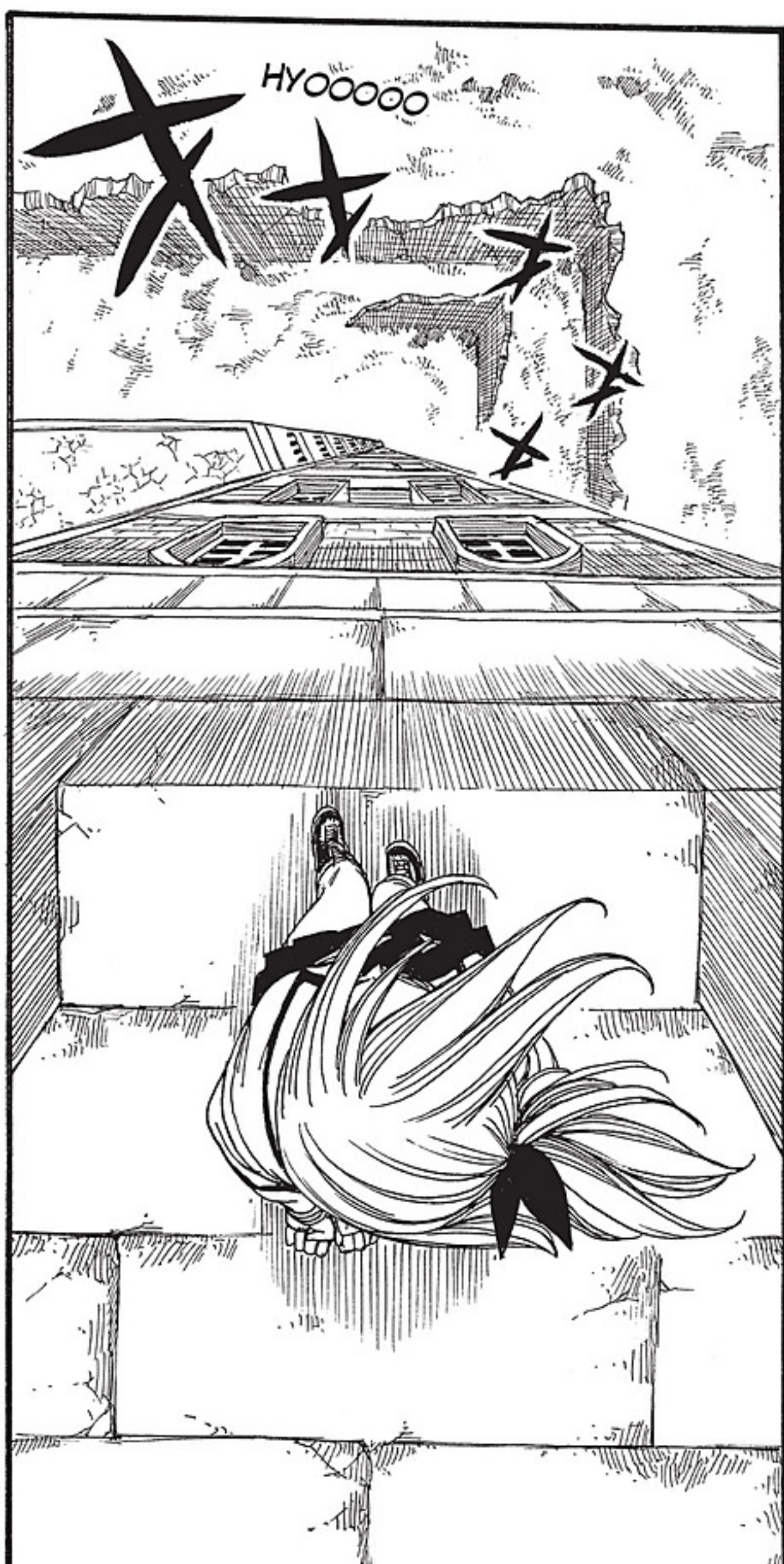
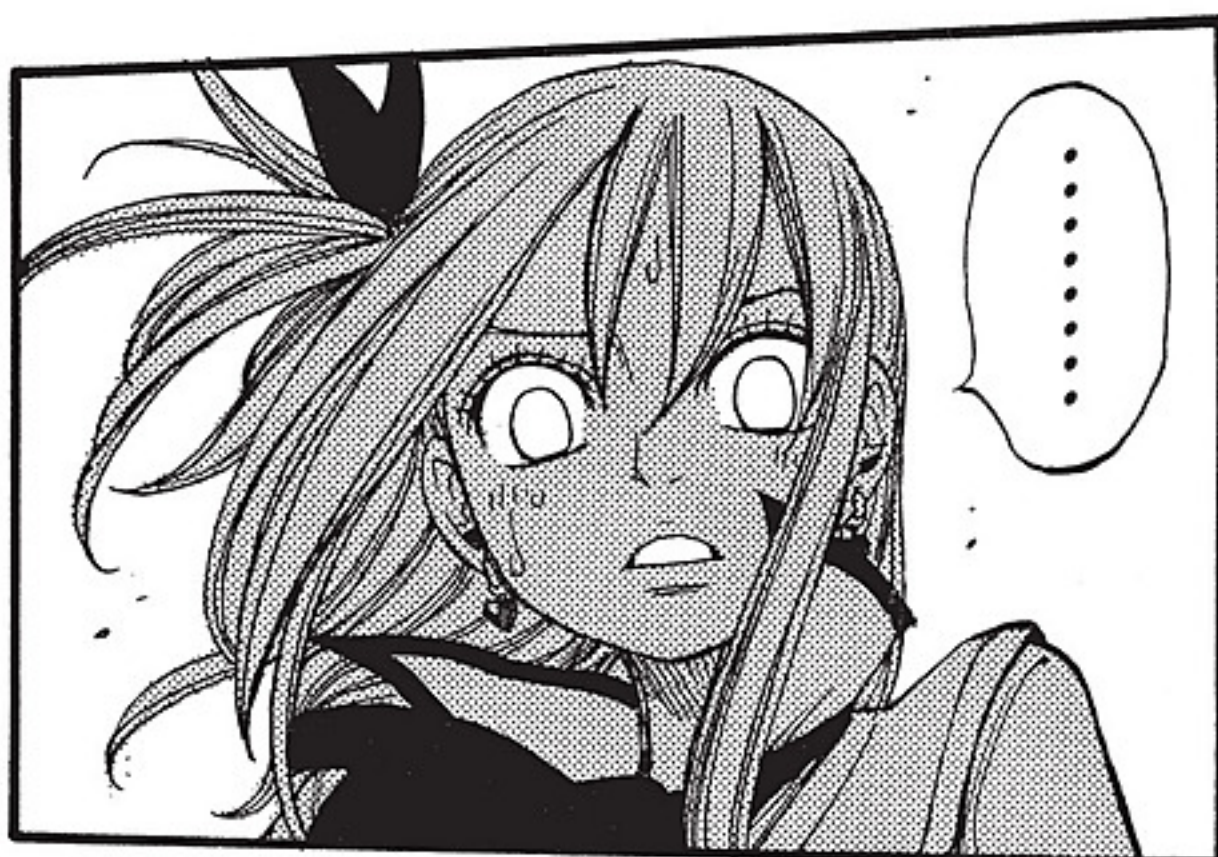


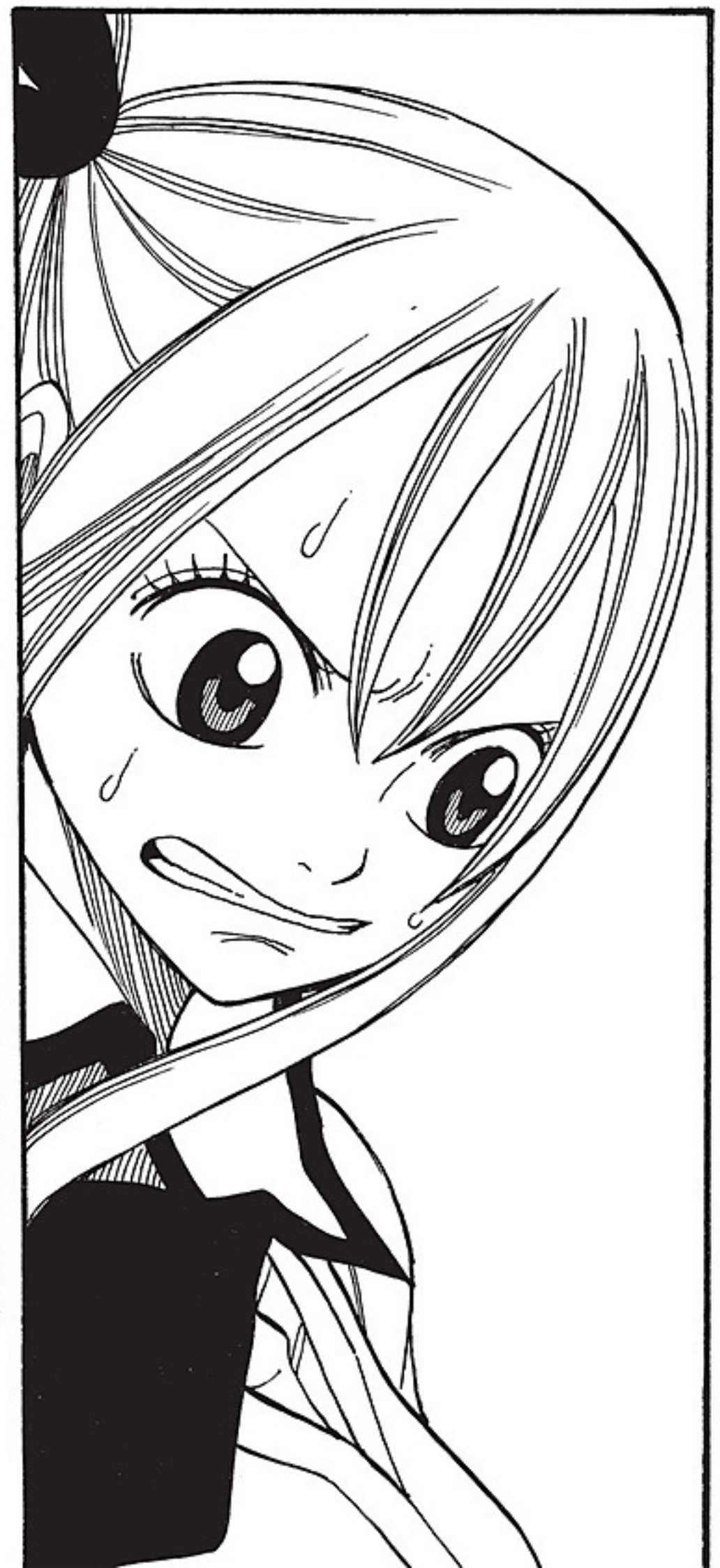
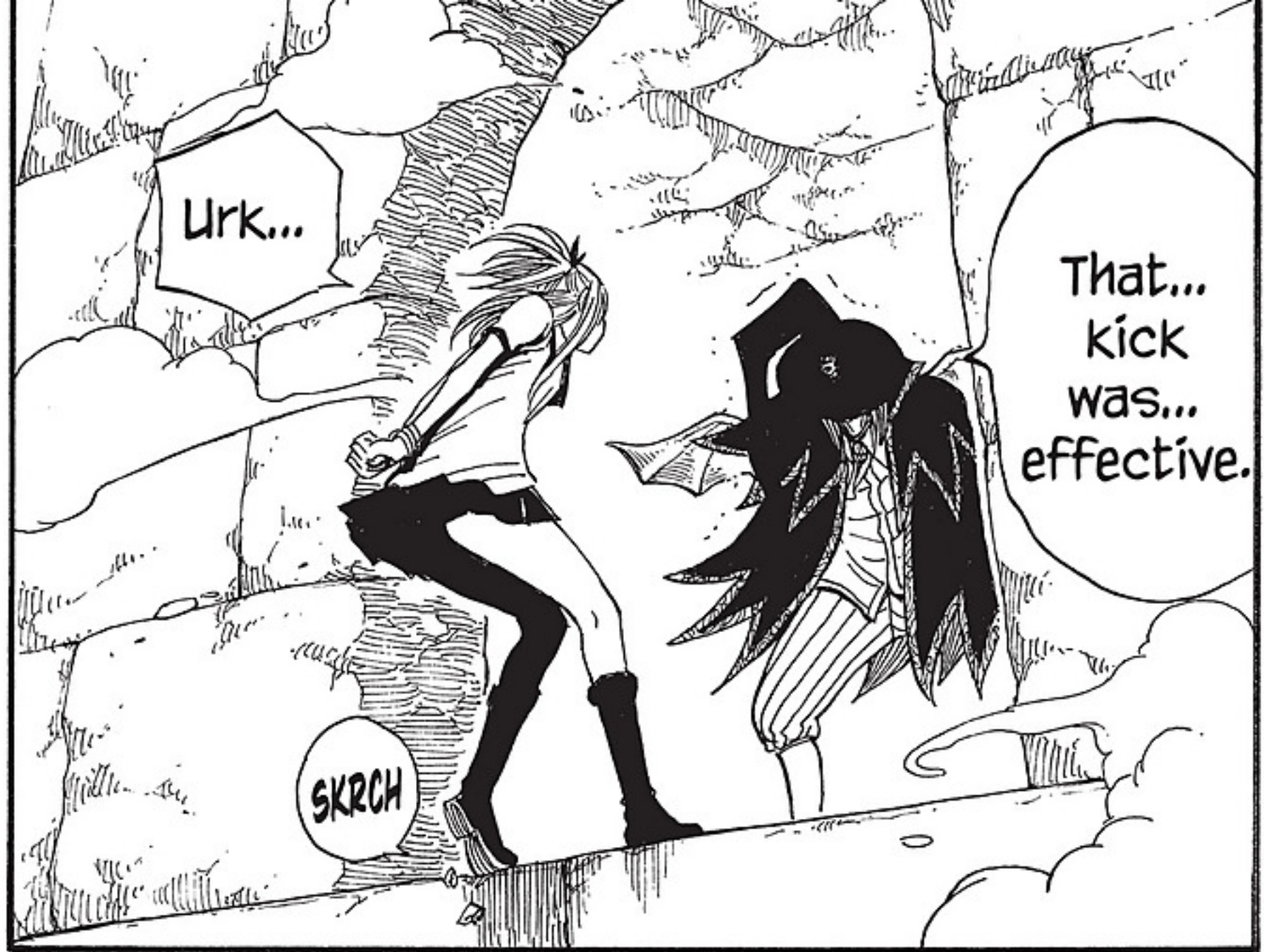


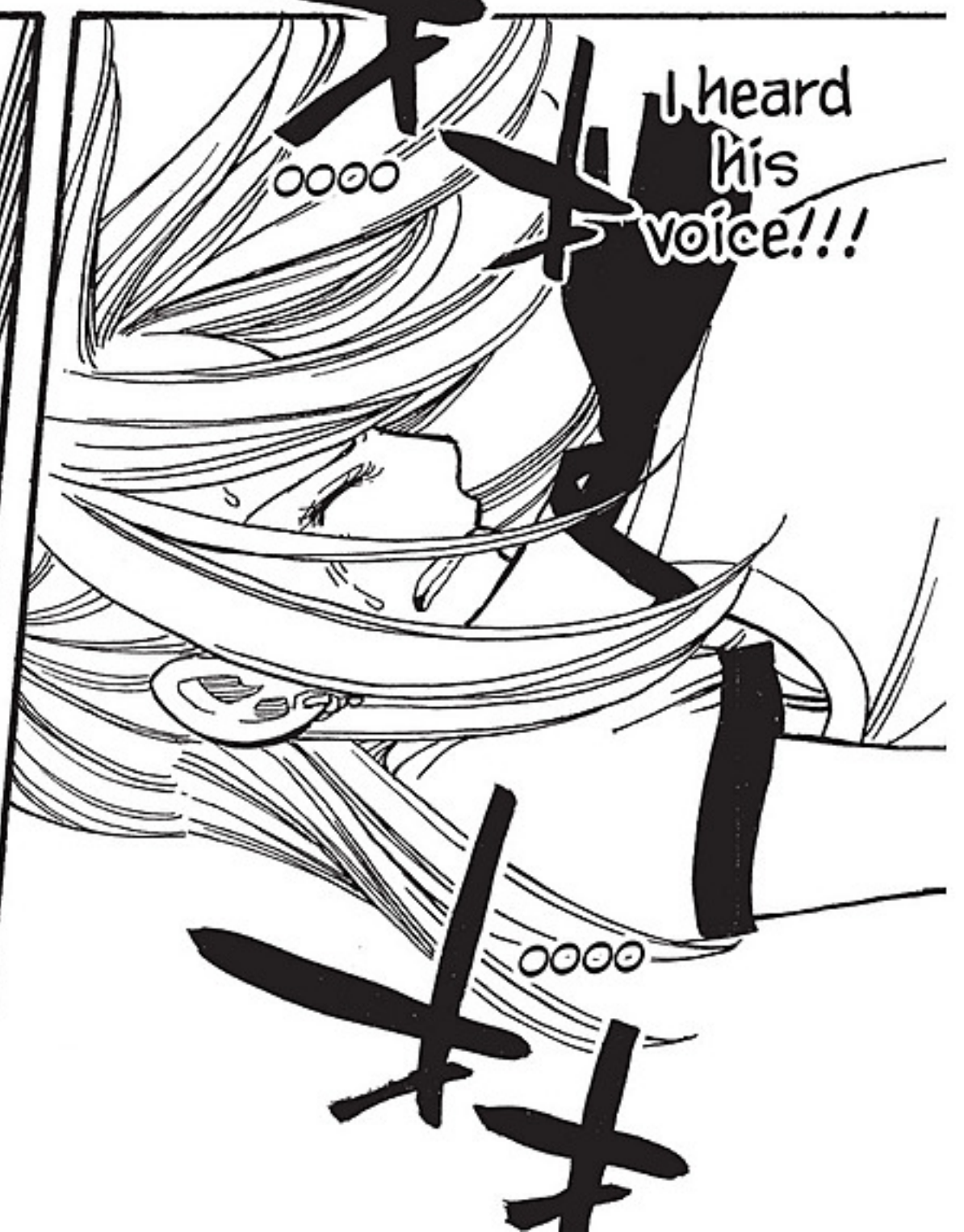
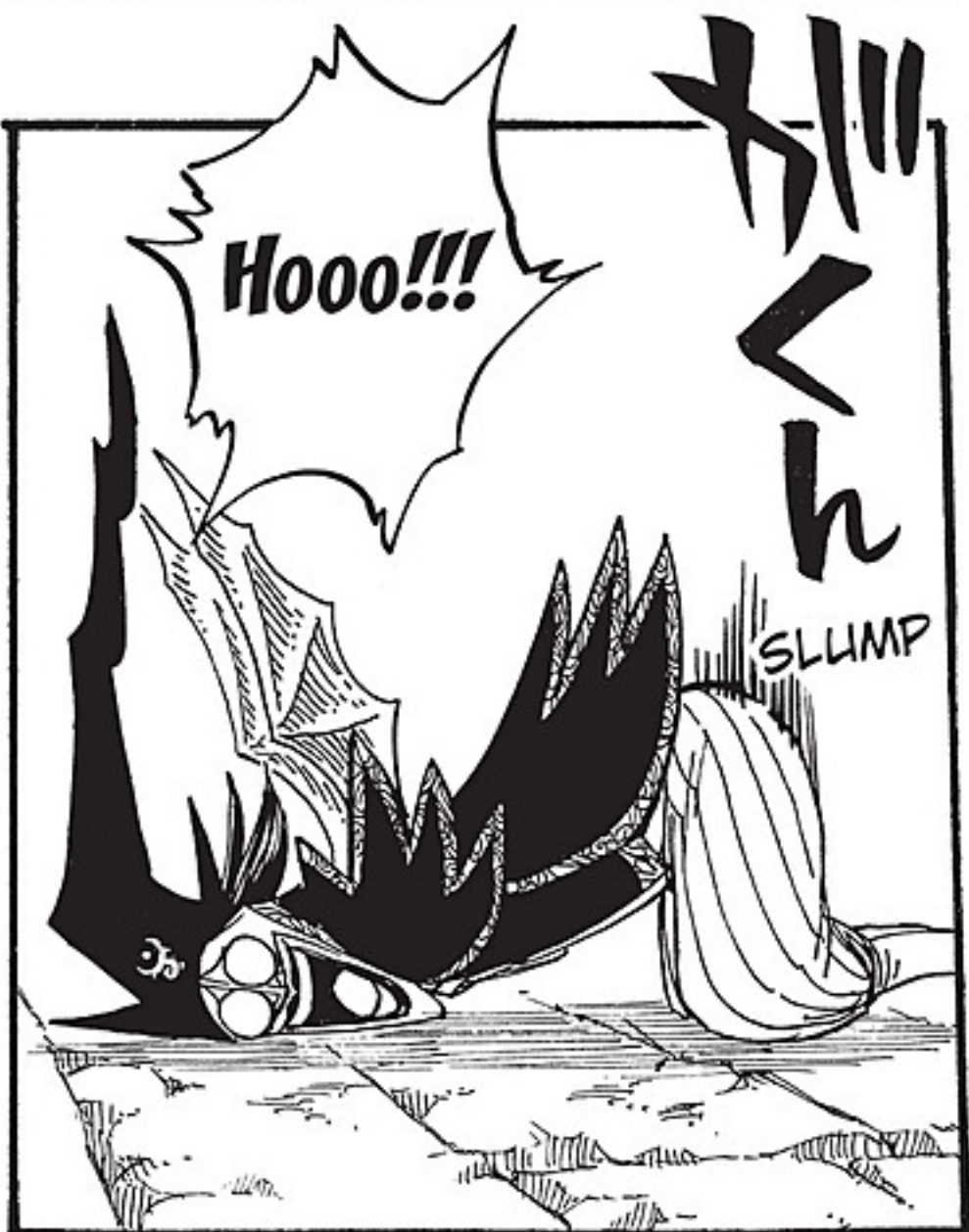
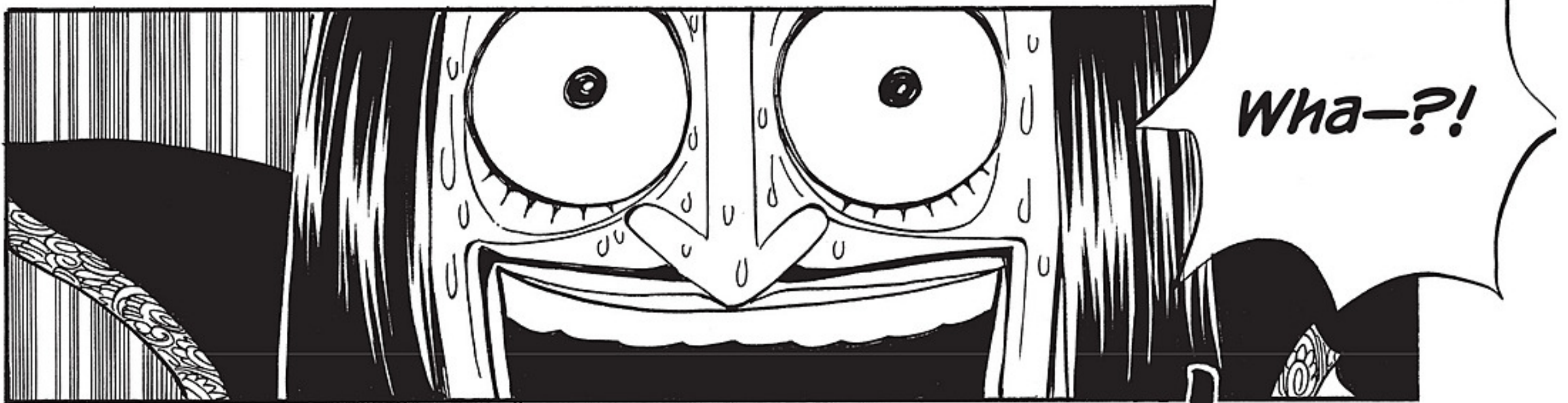
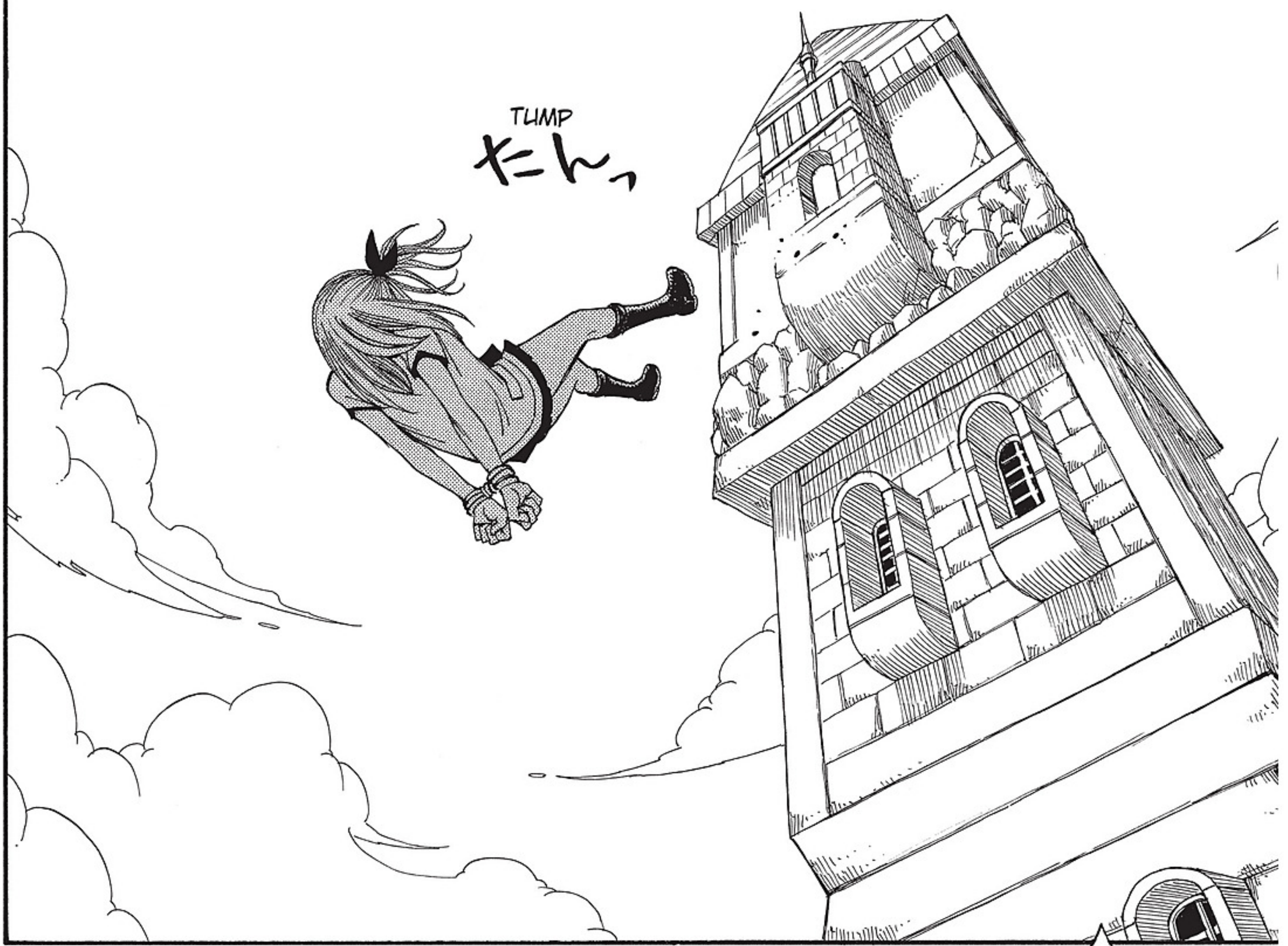


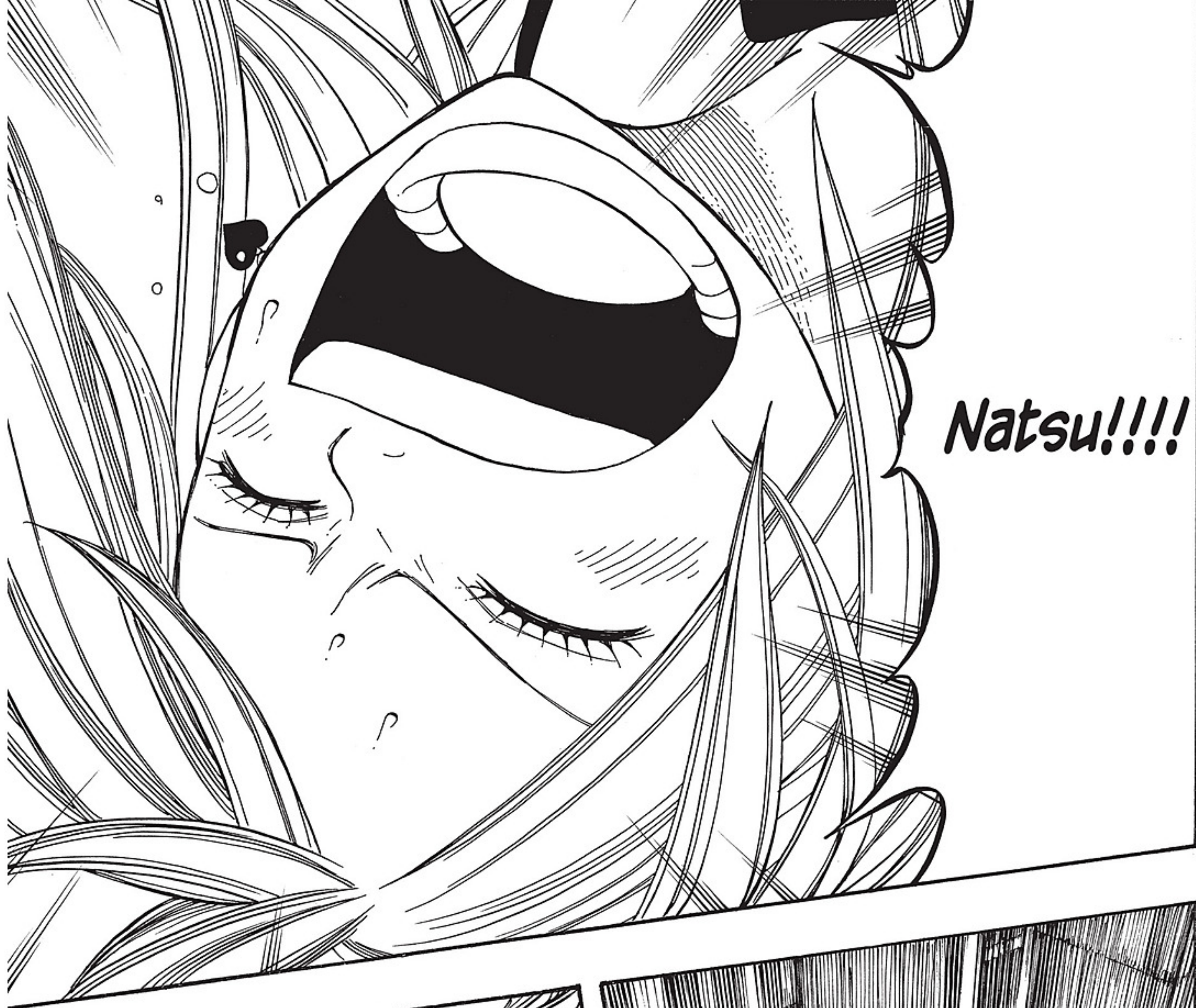




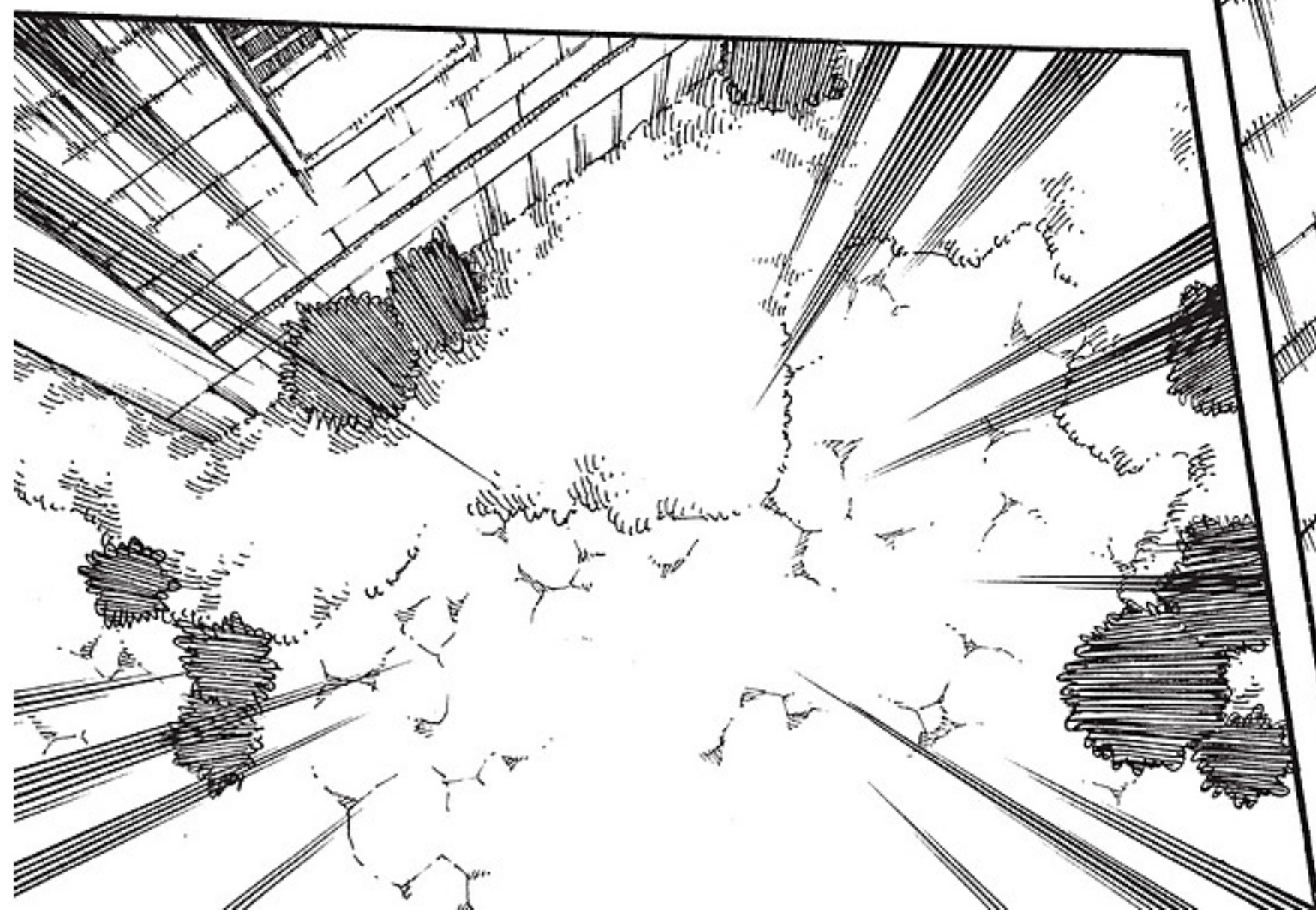
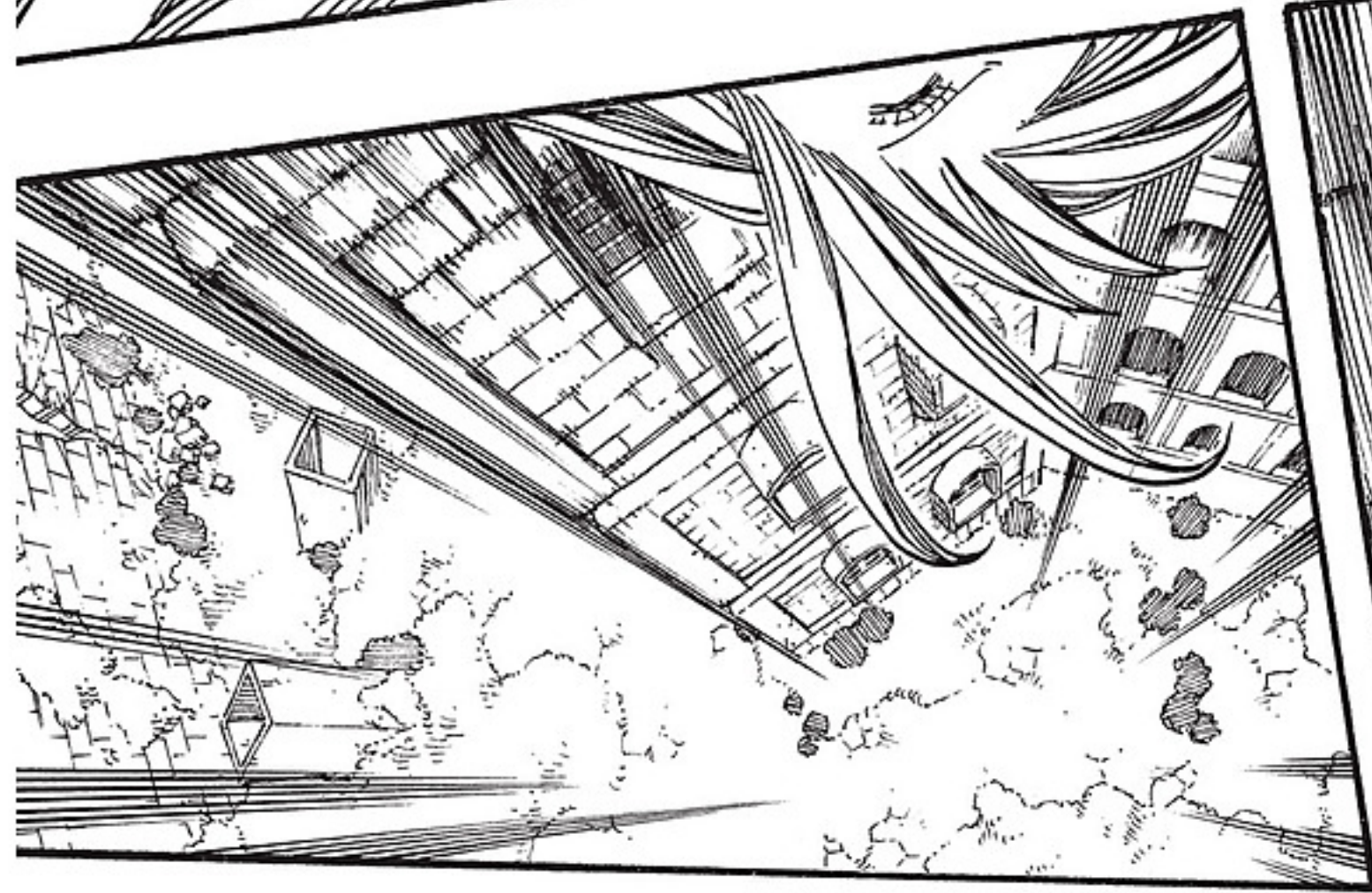






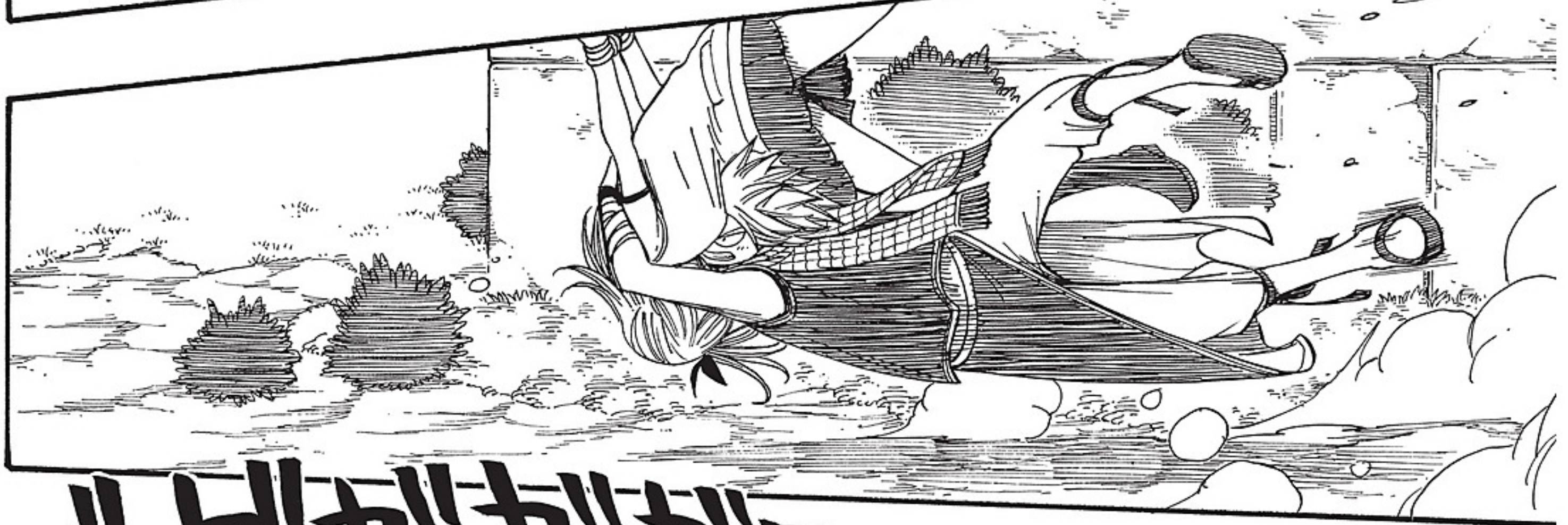


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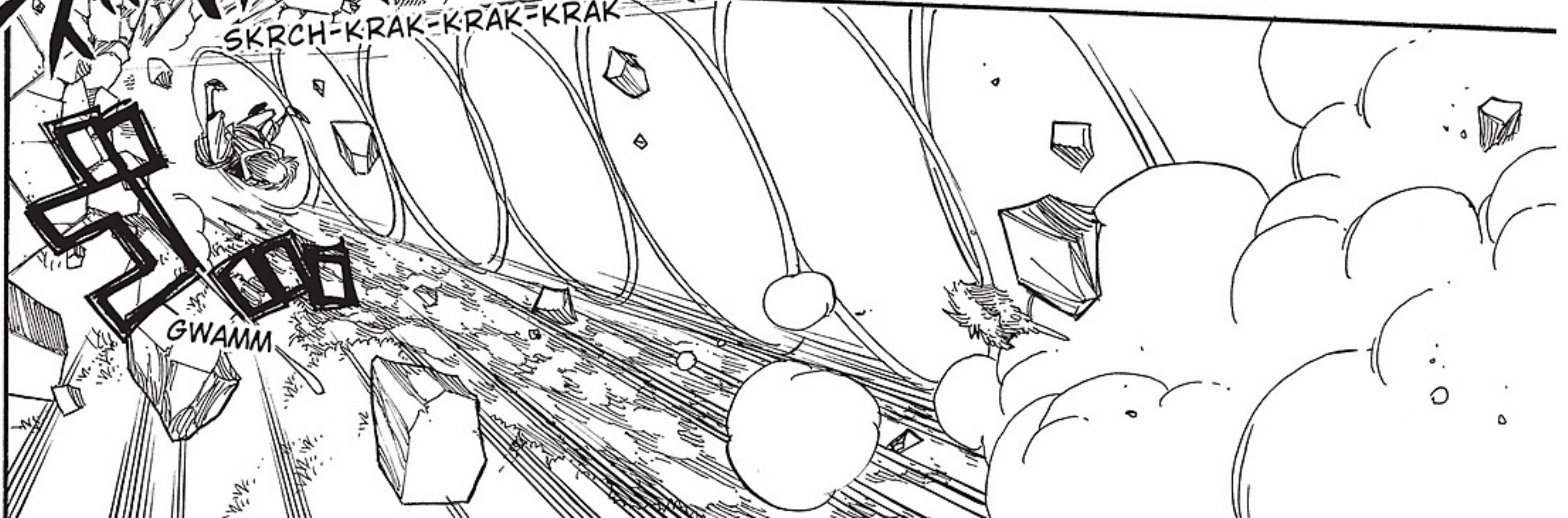




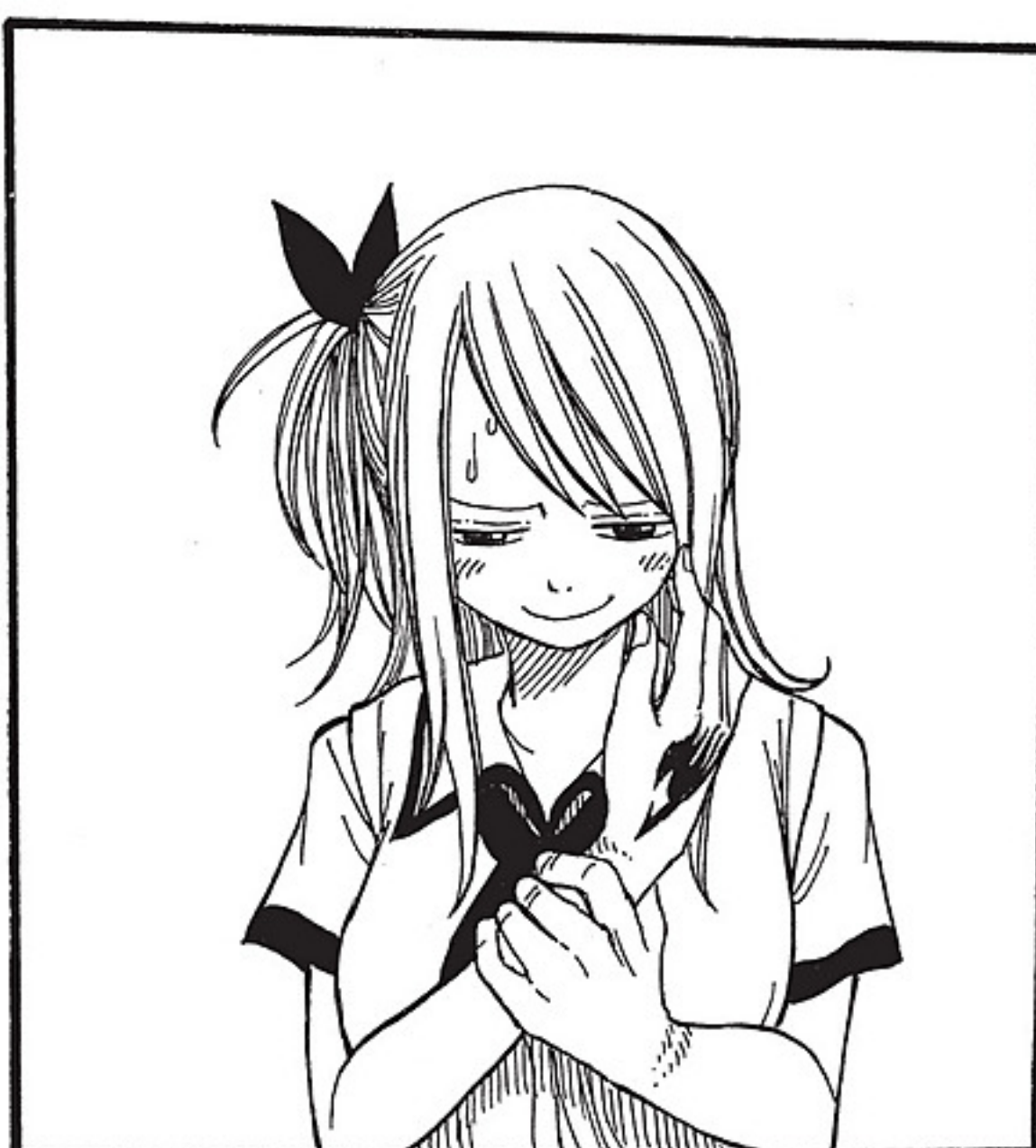
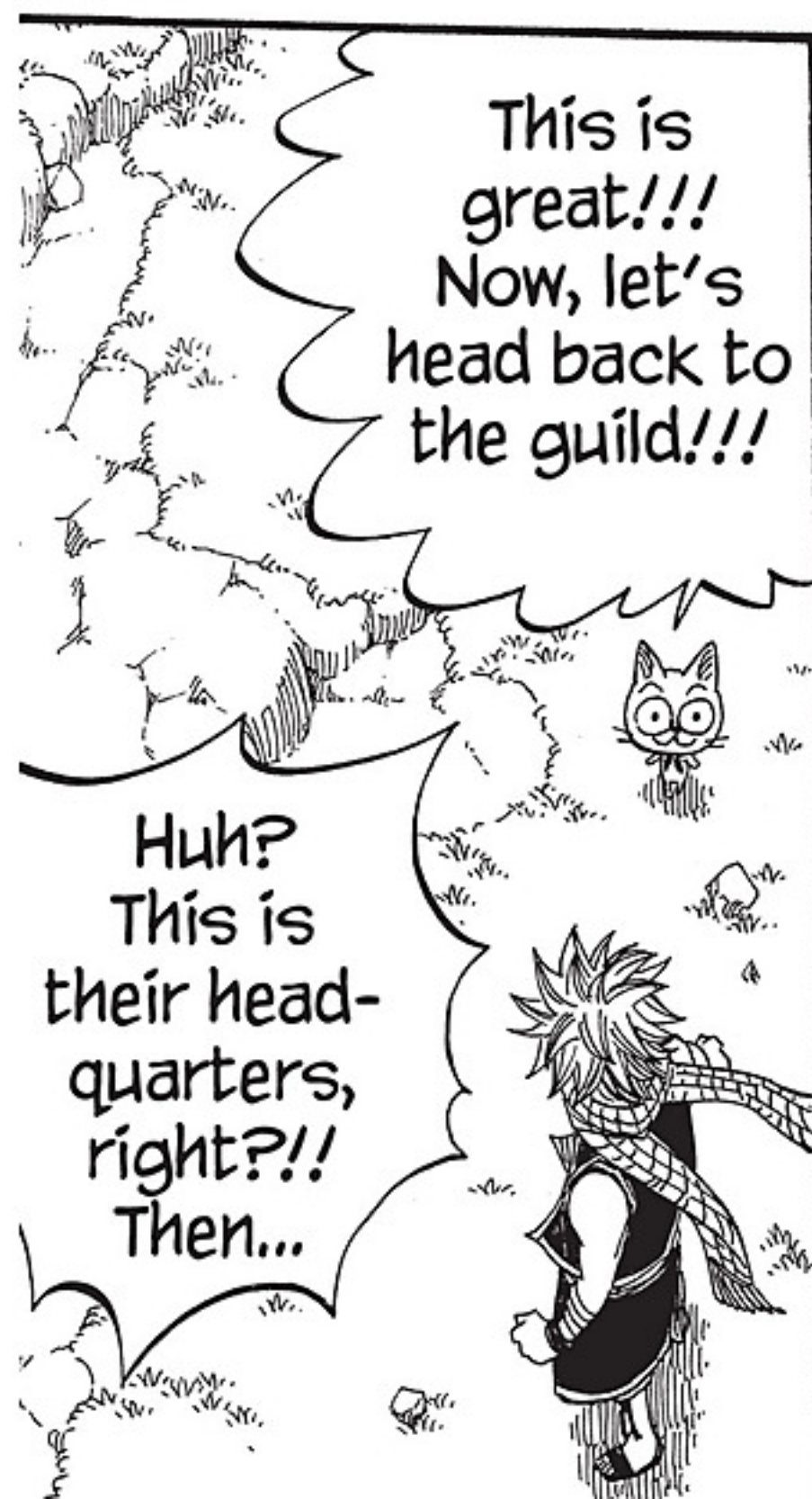
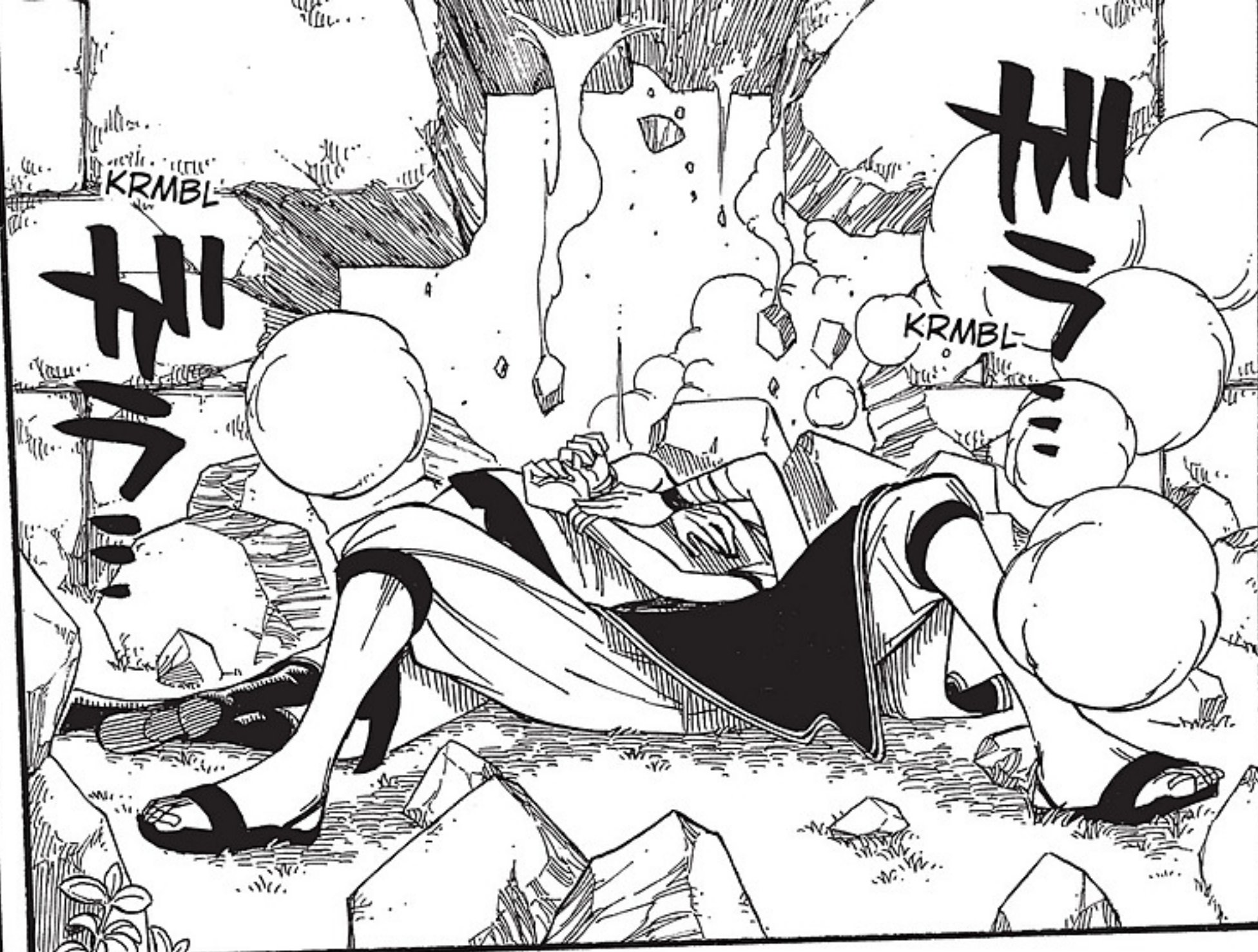
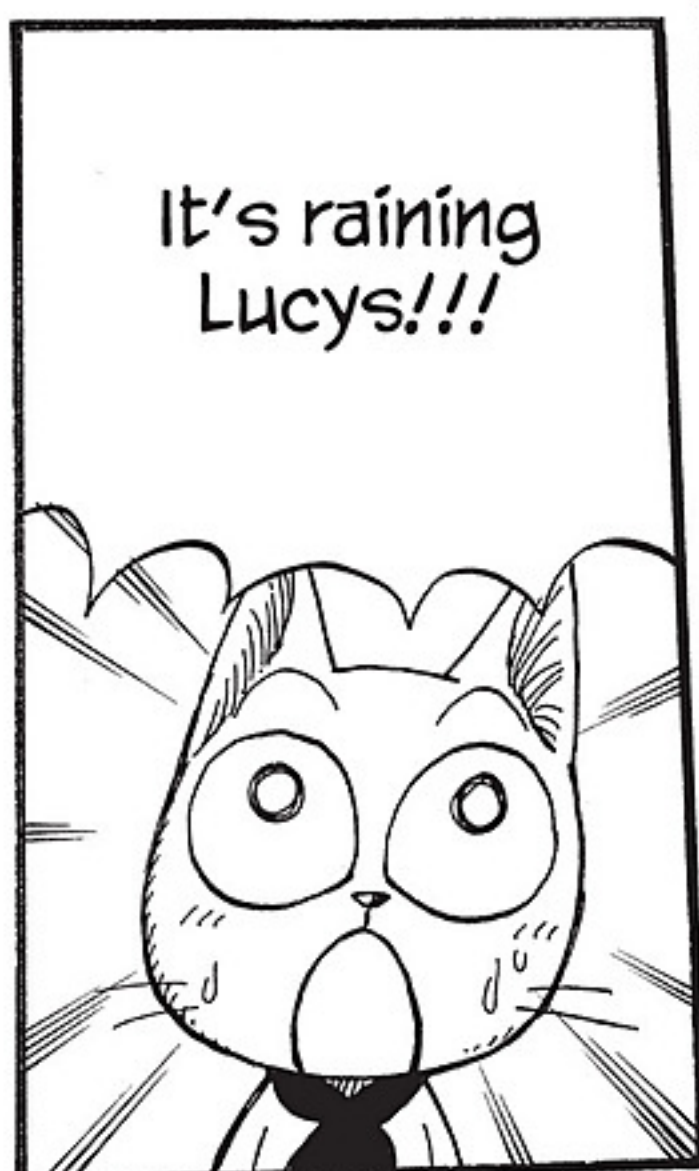
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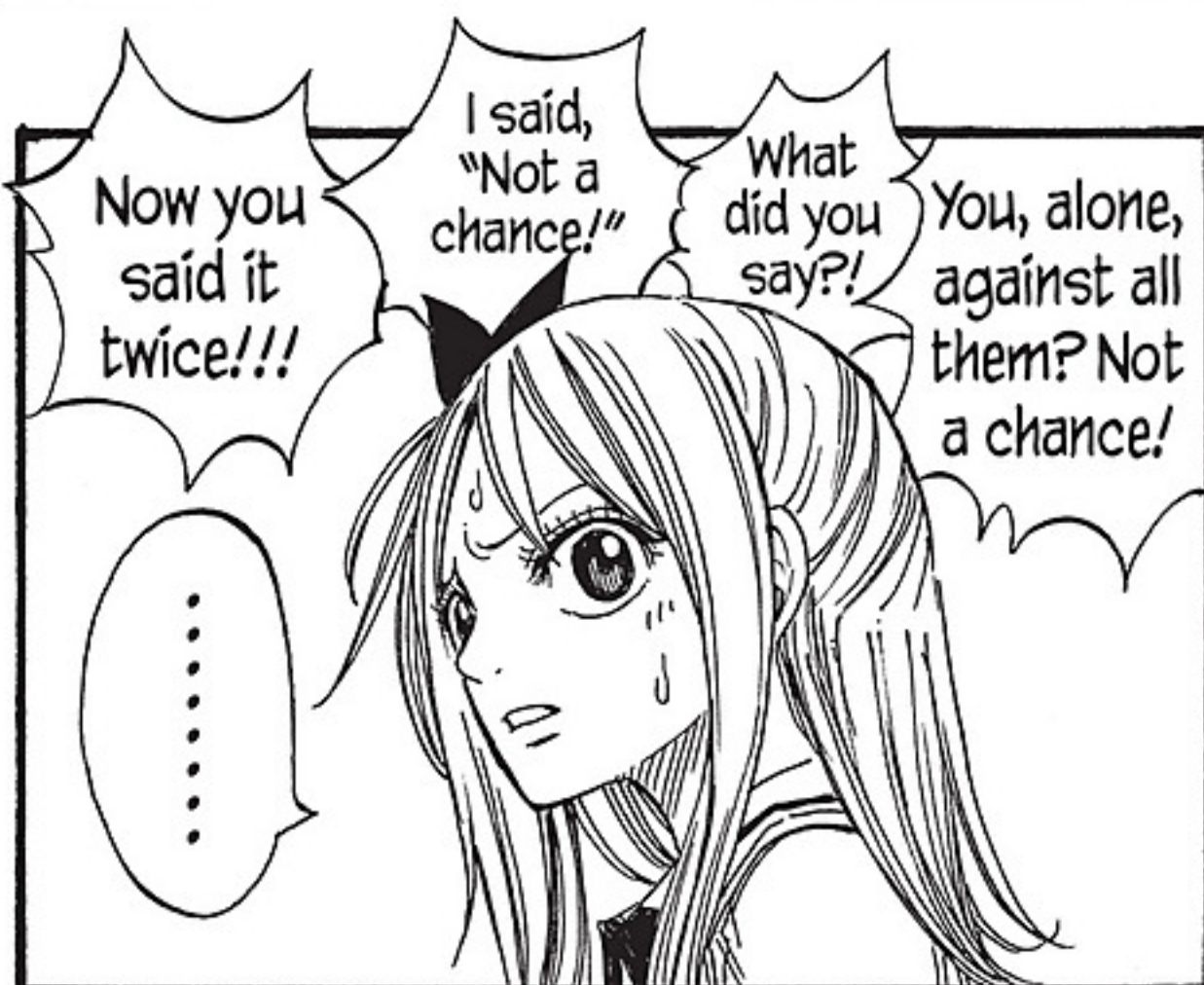


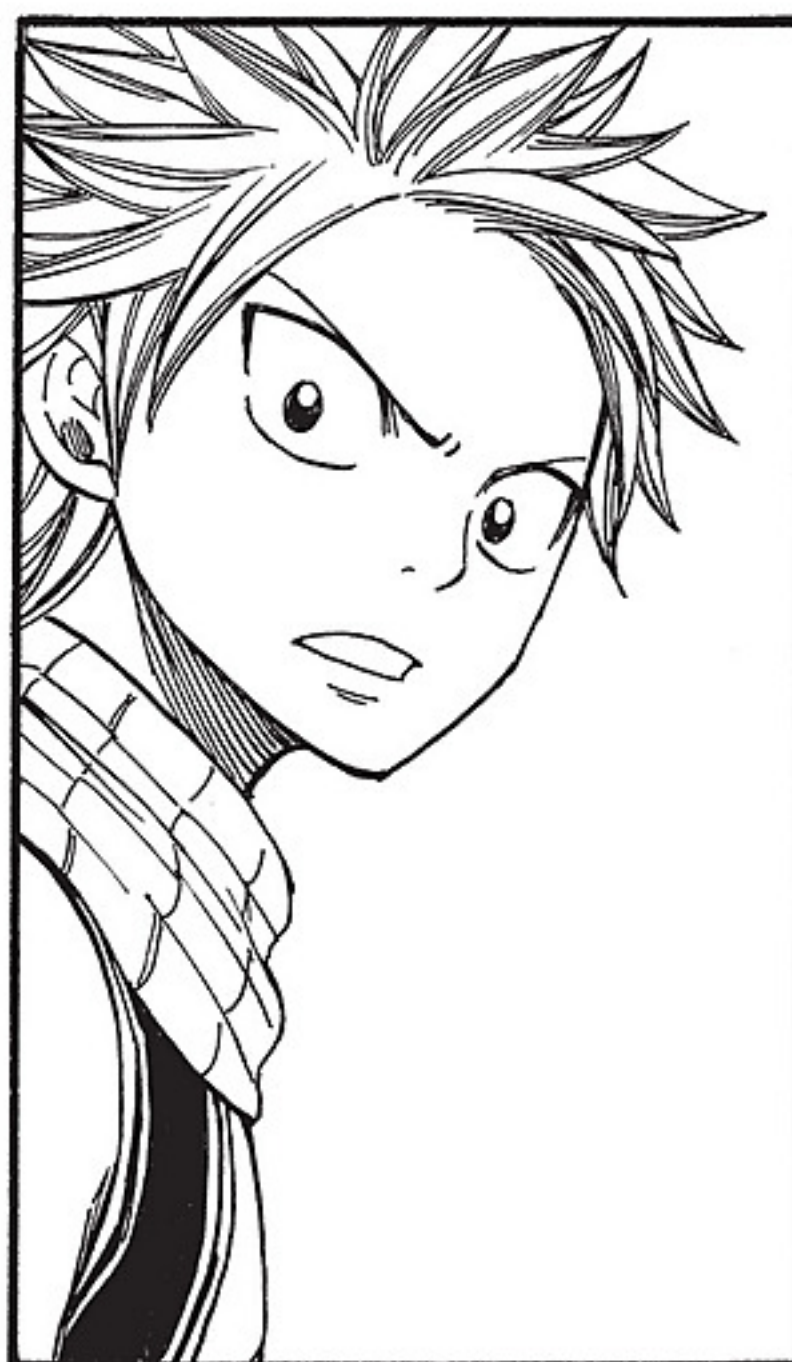
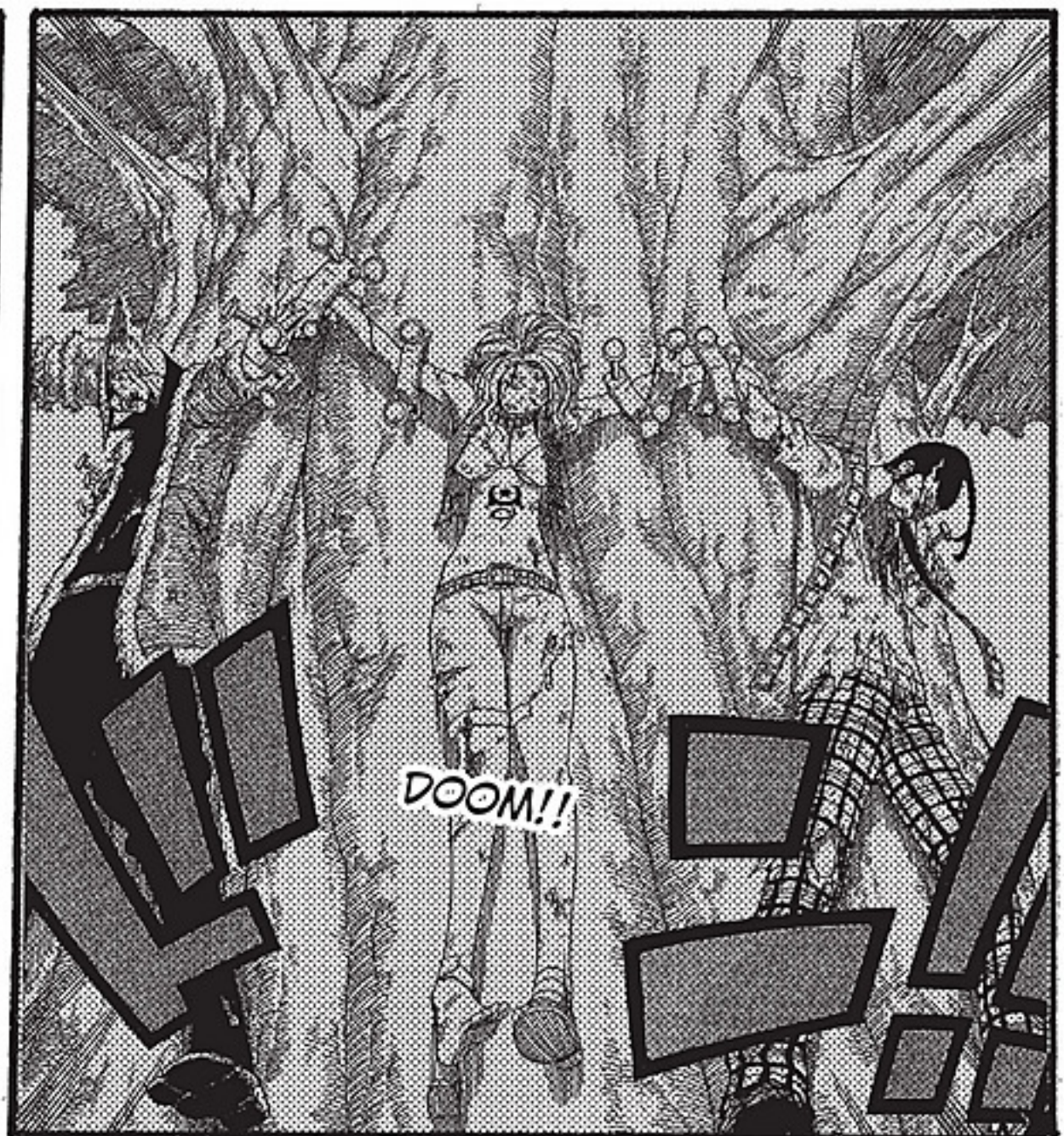
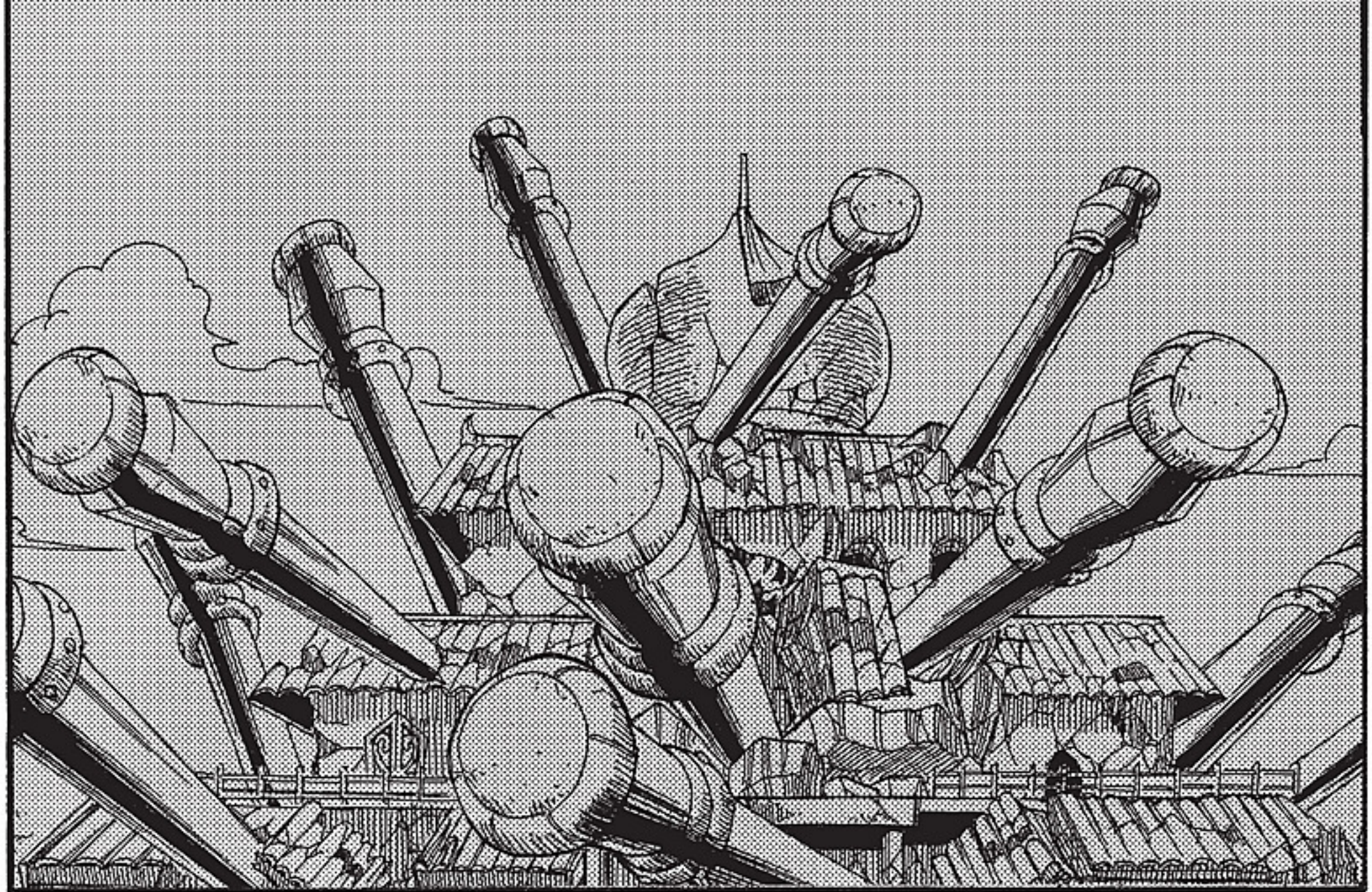
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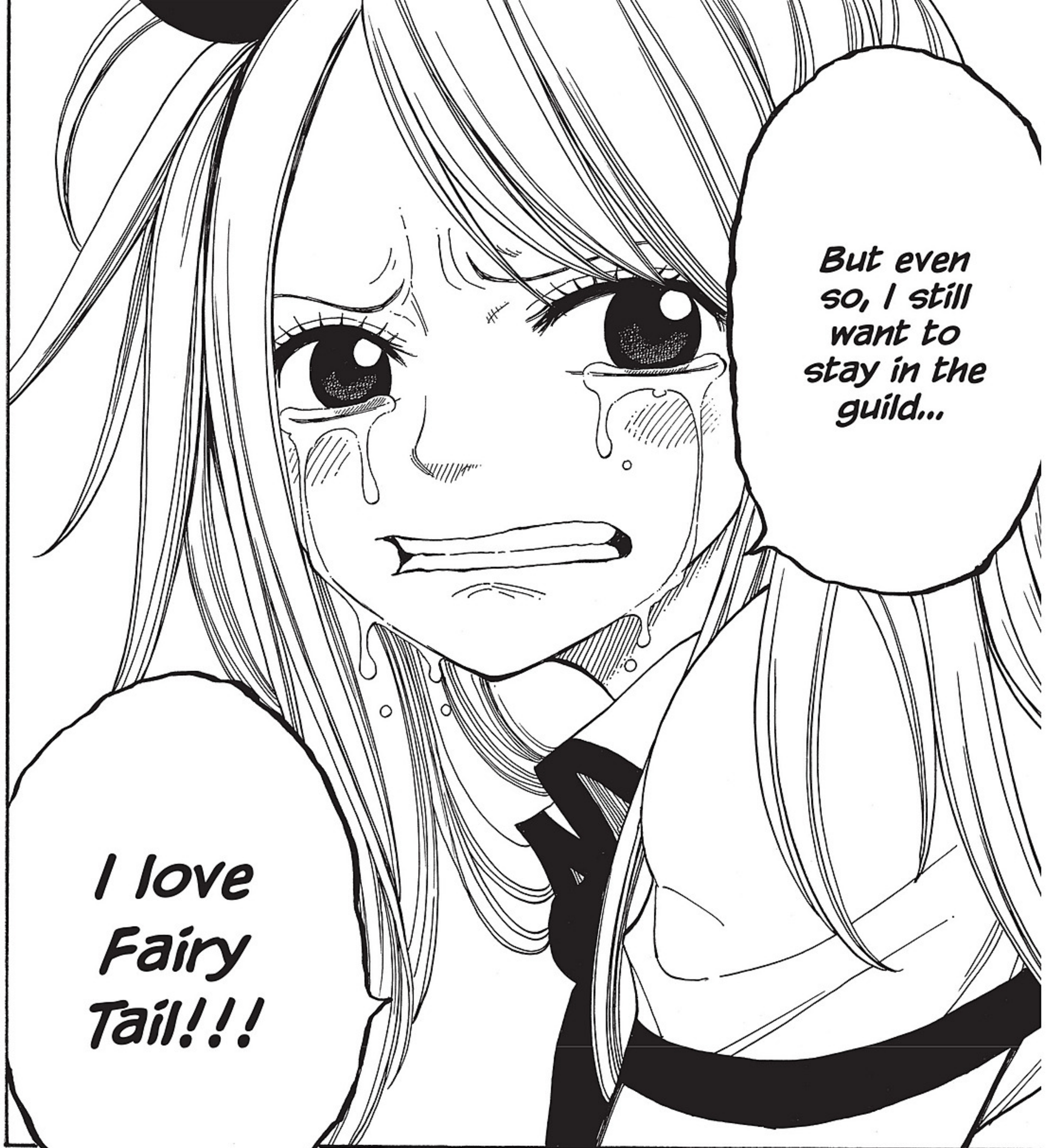


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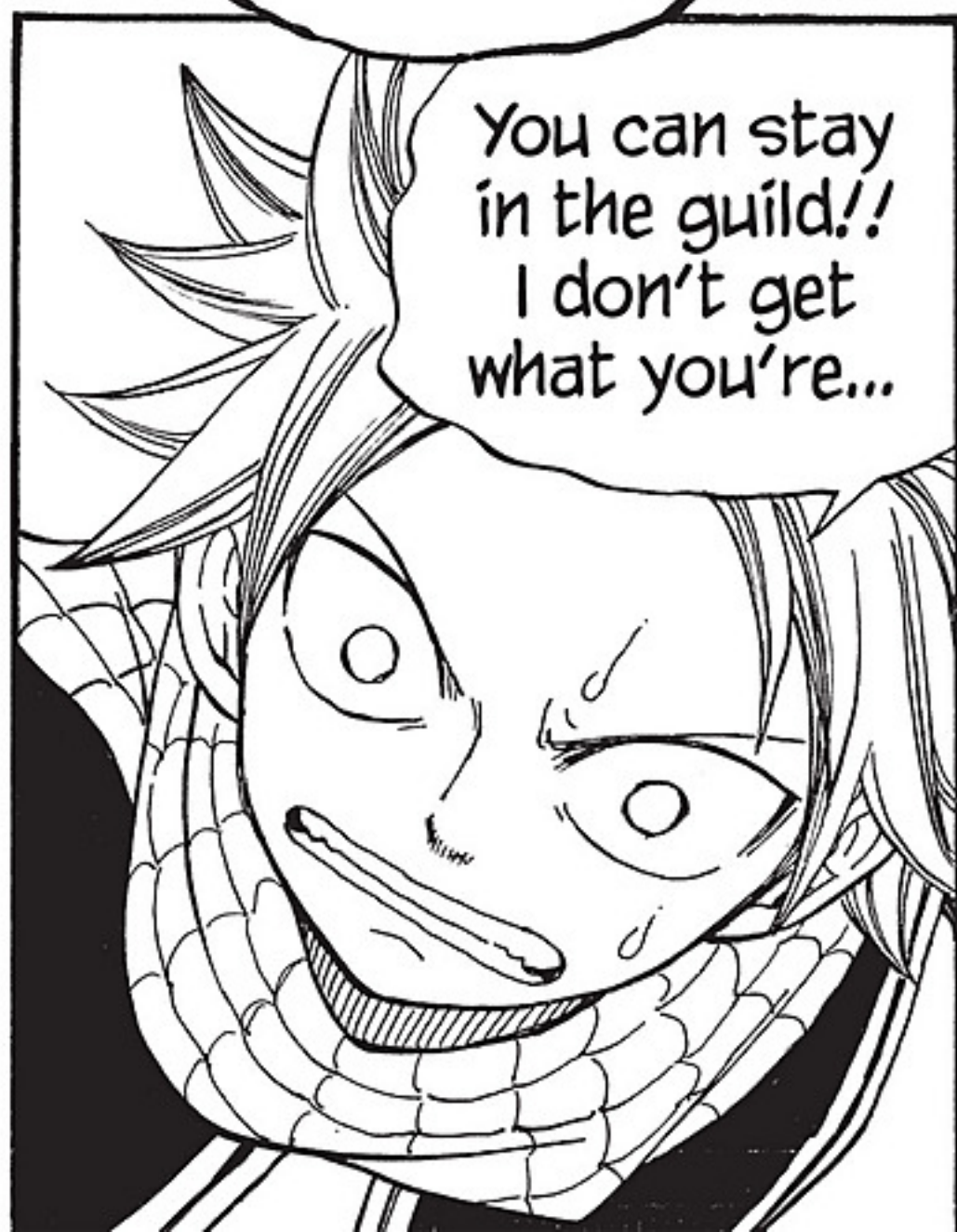




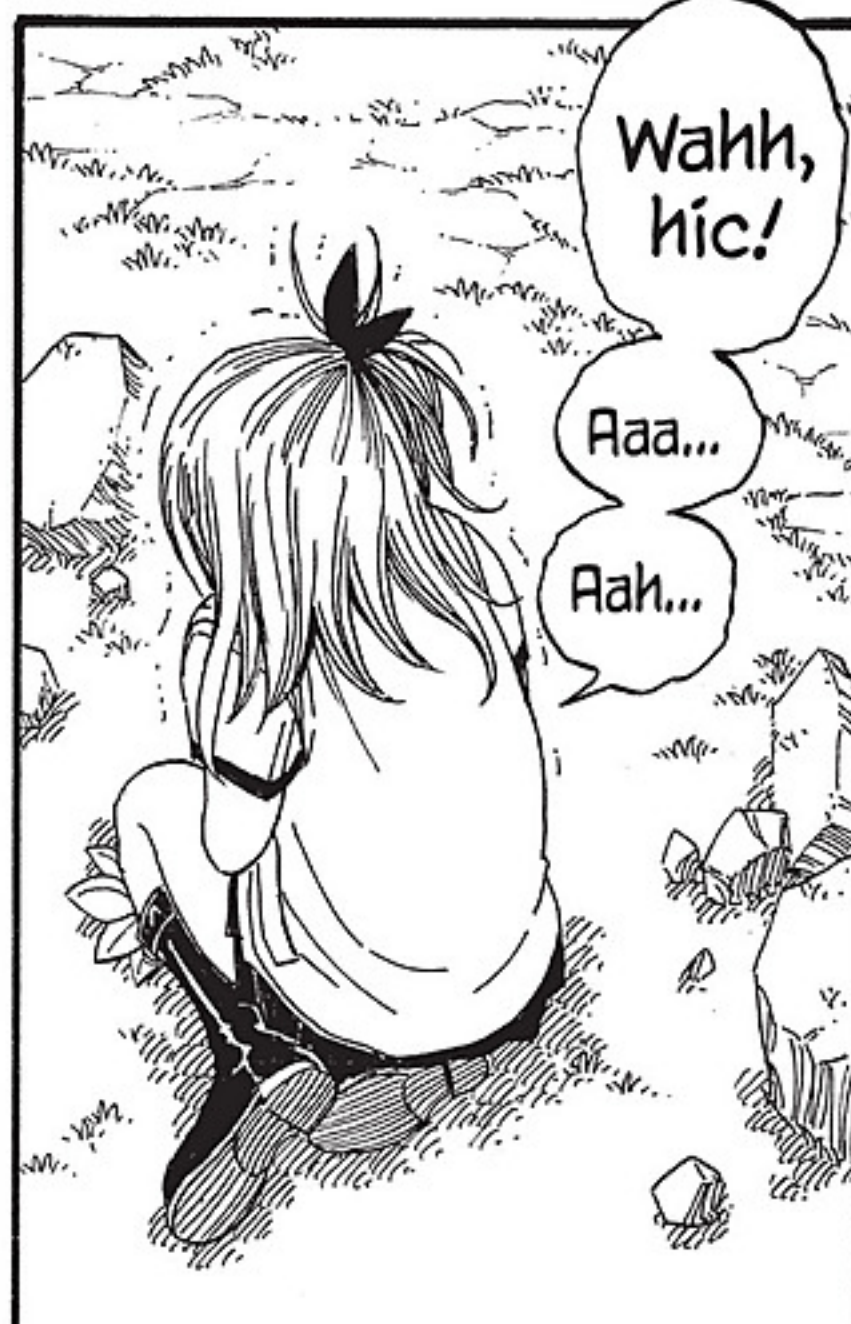


*I love
Fairy
Tail!!!*

*But even
so, I still
want to
stay in the
guild...*



You can stay
in the guild!!
I don't get
what you're...



Wahh,
hic!

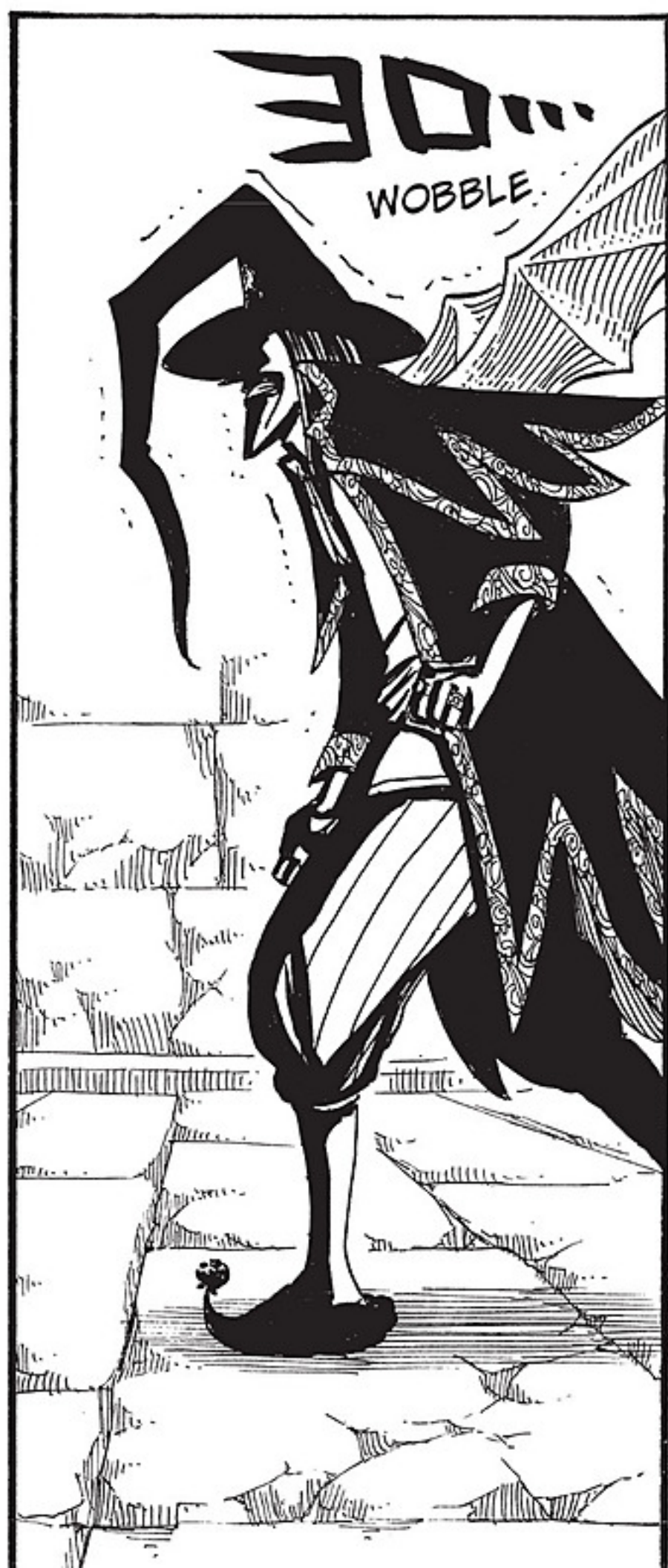
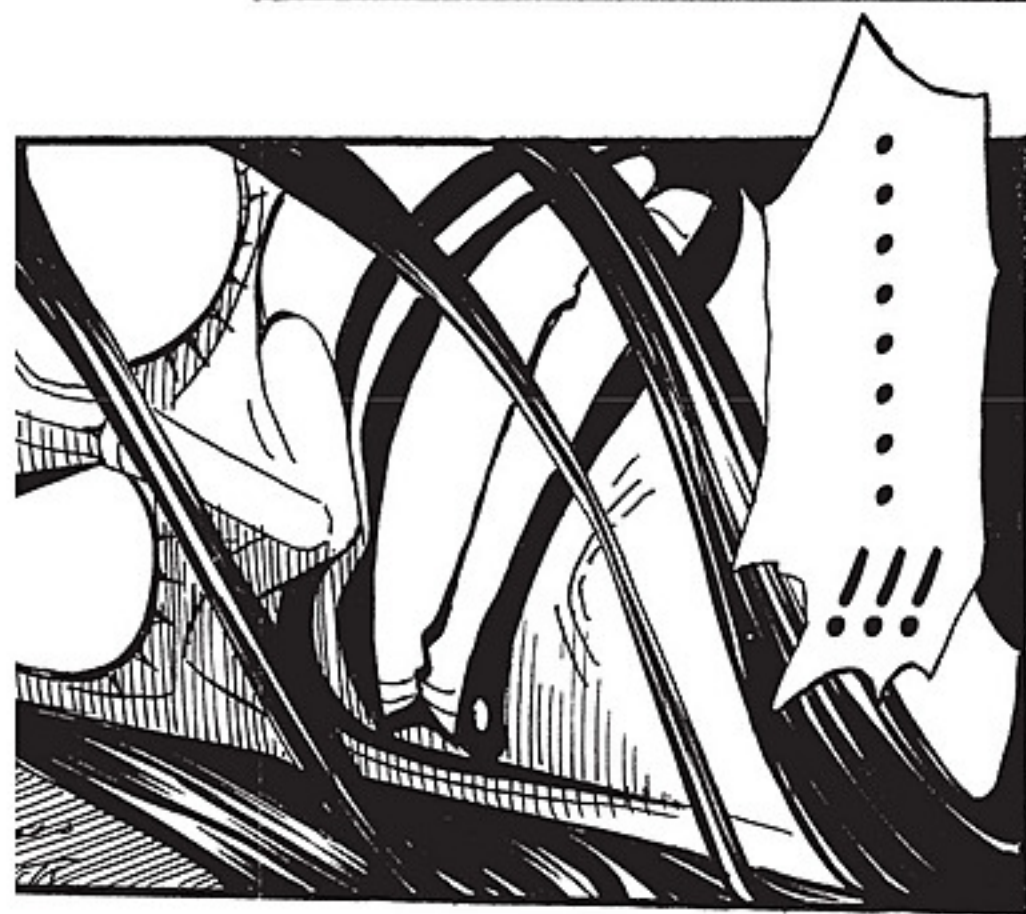
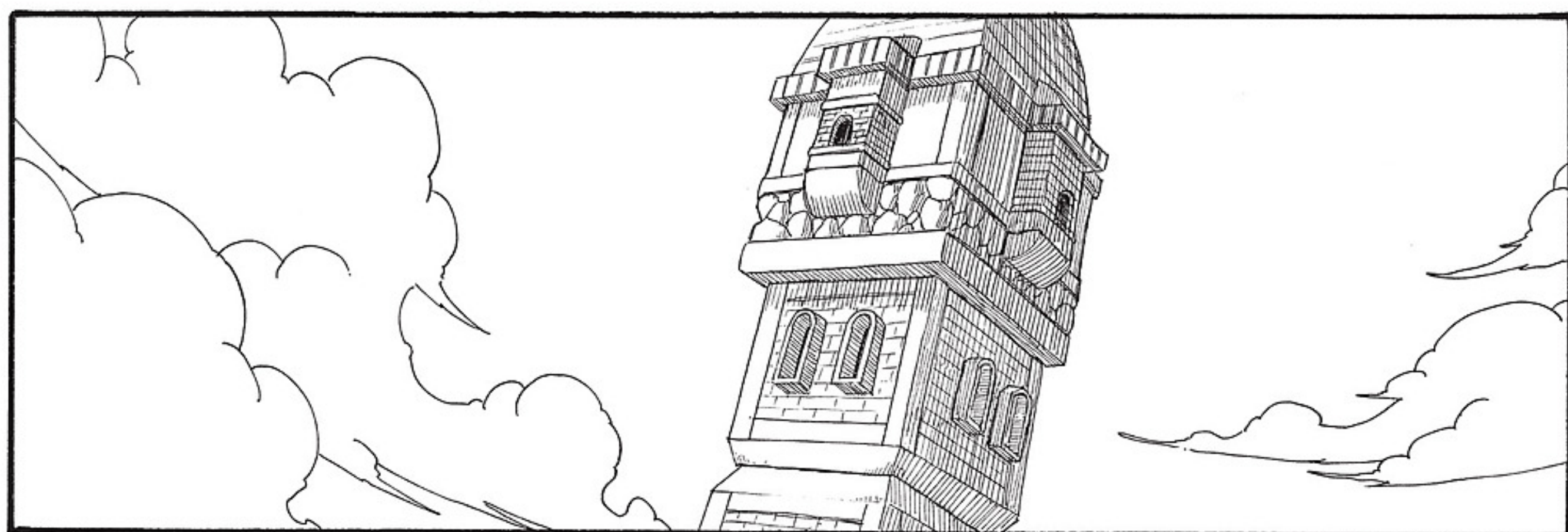
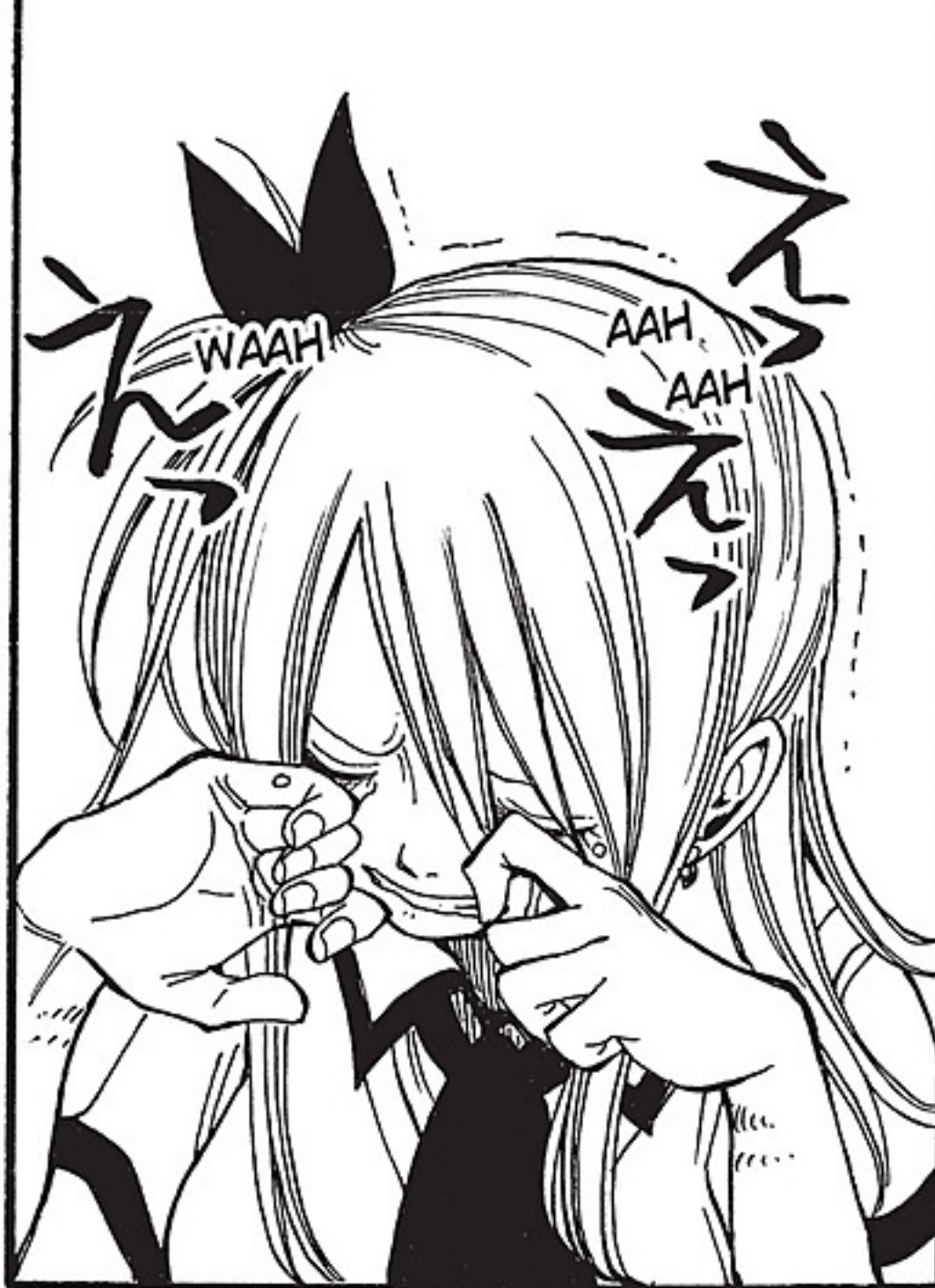
Aaa...

Aah...



Lucy...?

H-Hey...
what's the
deal? What's
going on?

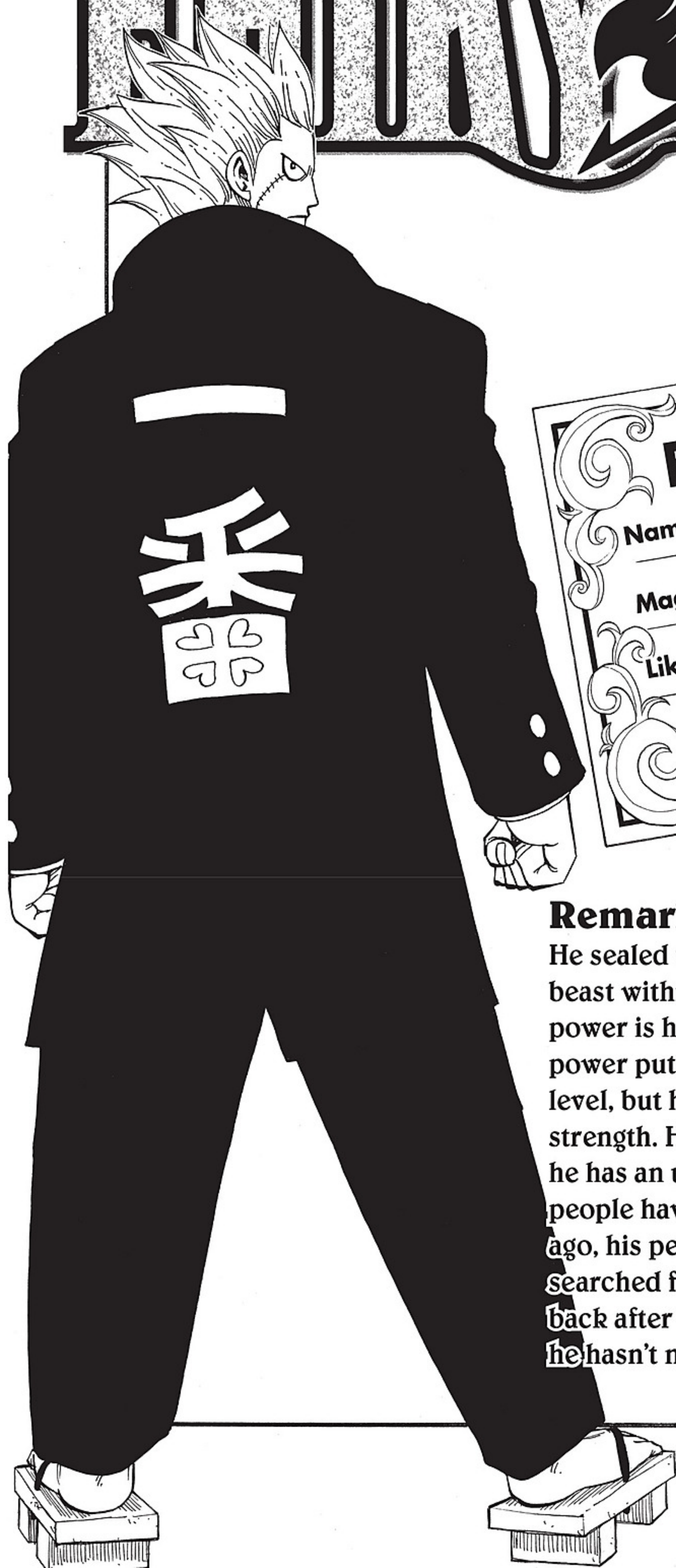




That little
witch really
got me
mad!!!

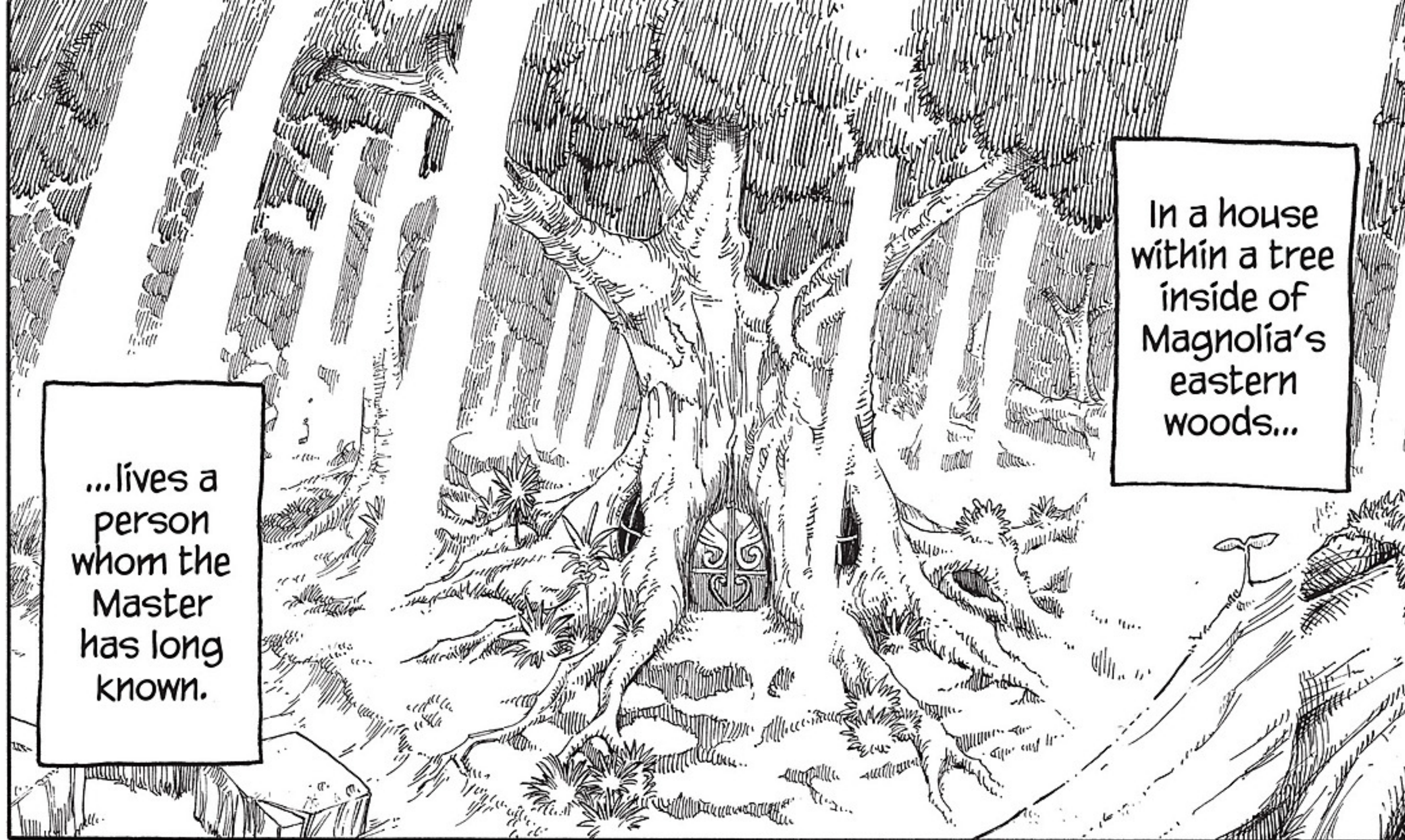
FAIRY TAIL

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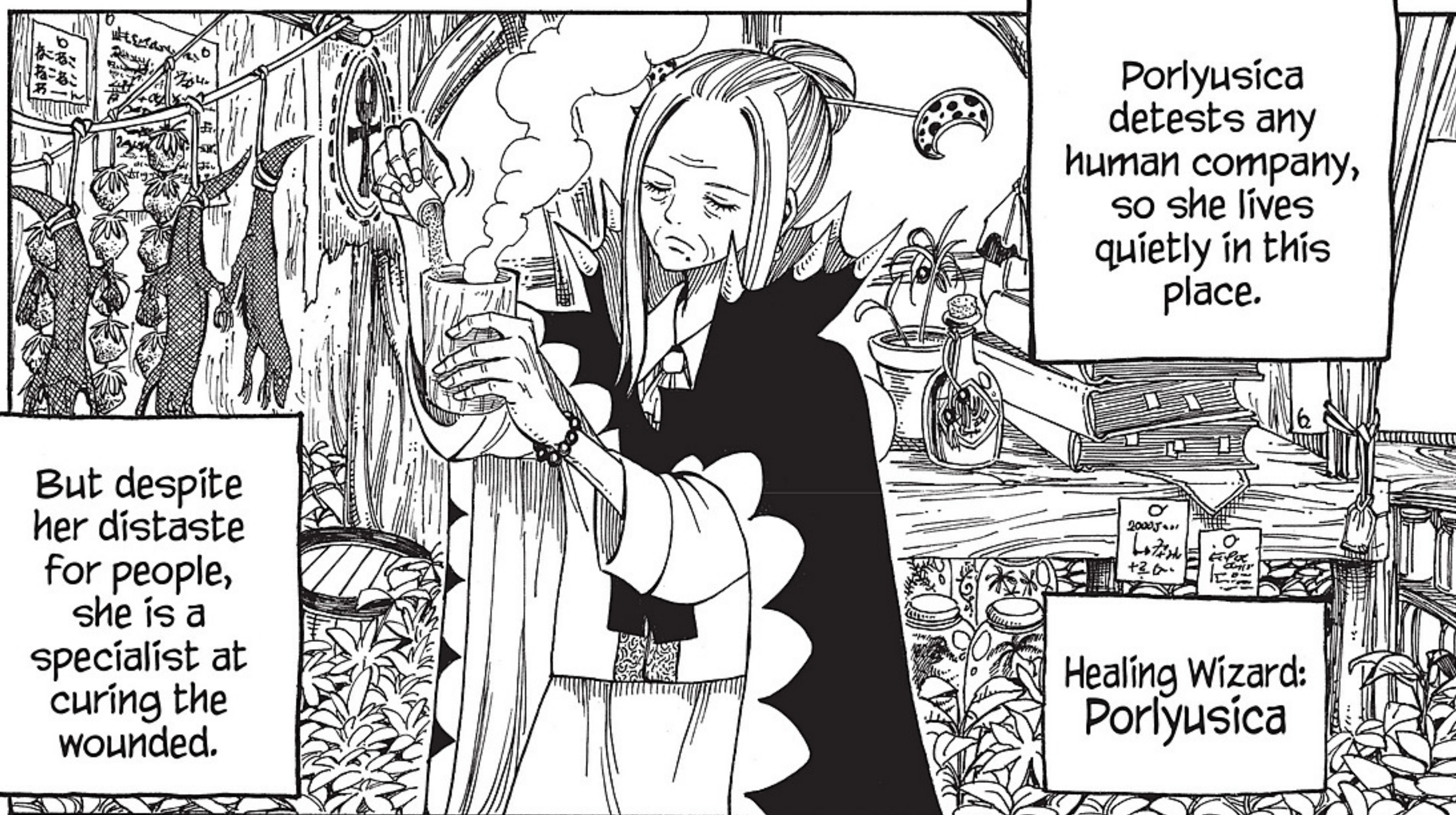
Remarks

He sealed the abilities of a defeated demon beast within his arm, and now, using its power is his magic specialty. Some say his power puts him right at Fairy Tail's top level, but he is the type to hold back his strength. He looks frightening, but actually, he has an unexpectedly gentle heart, and people have seen tears in his eyes. Long ago, his pet parakeet flew away, and he searched for it for an entire week. He came back after finding a different parakeet, and he hasn't noticed the difference.



...lives a person whom the Master has long known.

In a house within a tree inside of Magnolia's eastern woods...



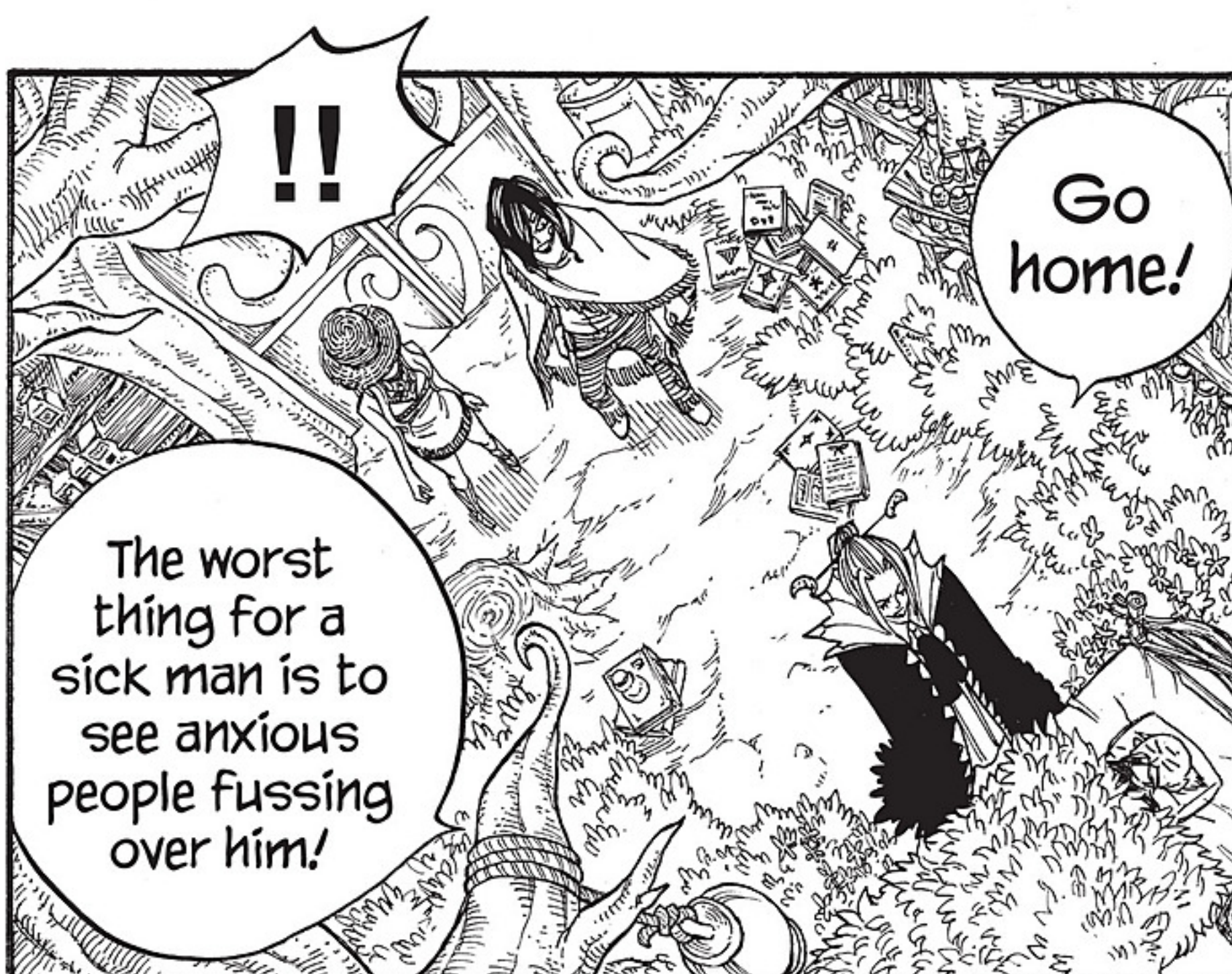
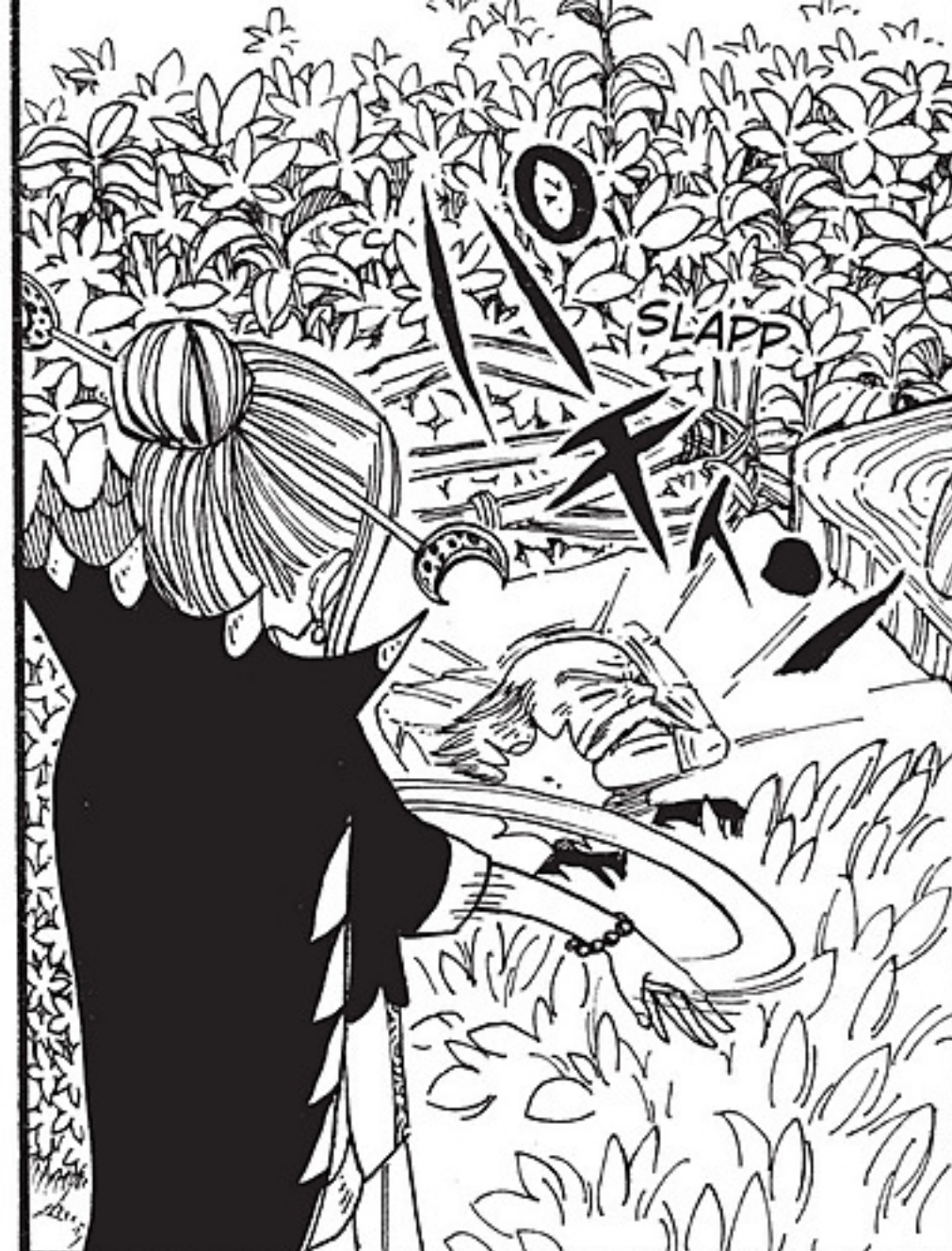
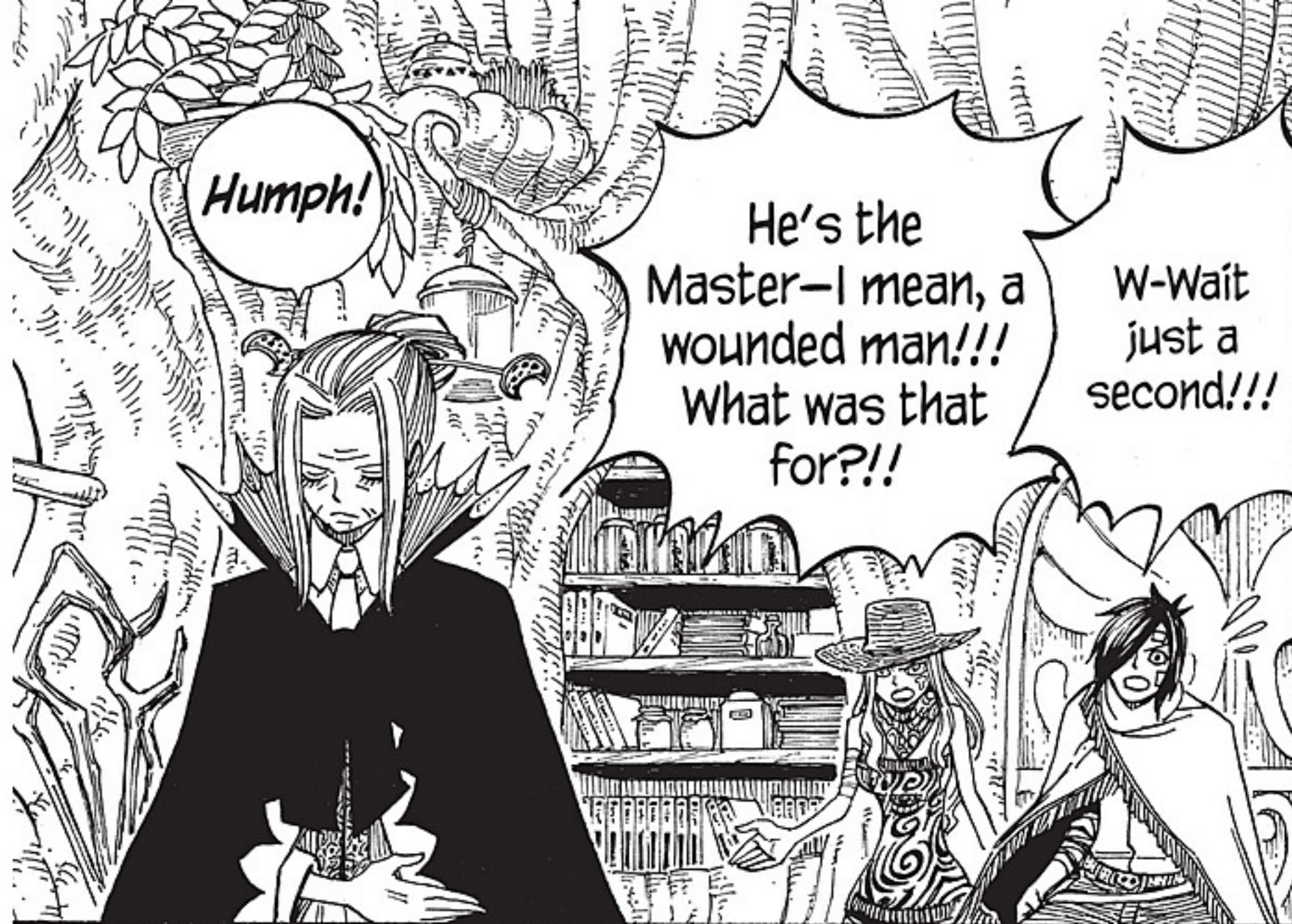
Porlyusica detests any human company, so she lives quietly in this place.

But despite her distaste for people, she is a specialist at curing the wounded.

Healing Wizard: Porlyusica



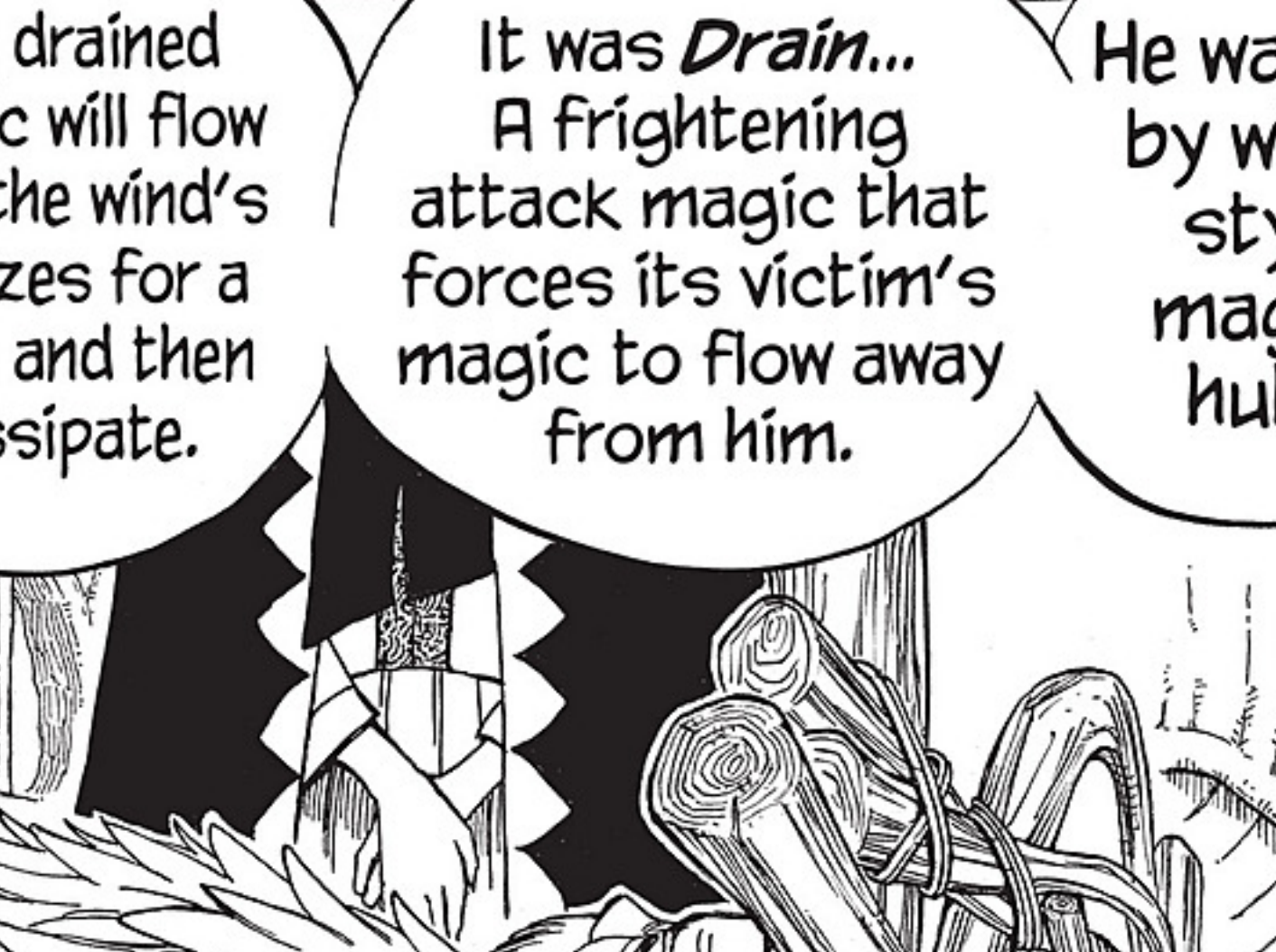
That is where the Master was taken.



The drained magic will flow with the wind's breezes for a while and then dissipate.

It was *Drain...*
A frightening attack magic that forces its victim's magic to flow away from him.

He was hit by wind-style magic, huh?



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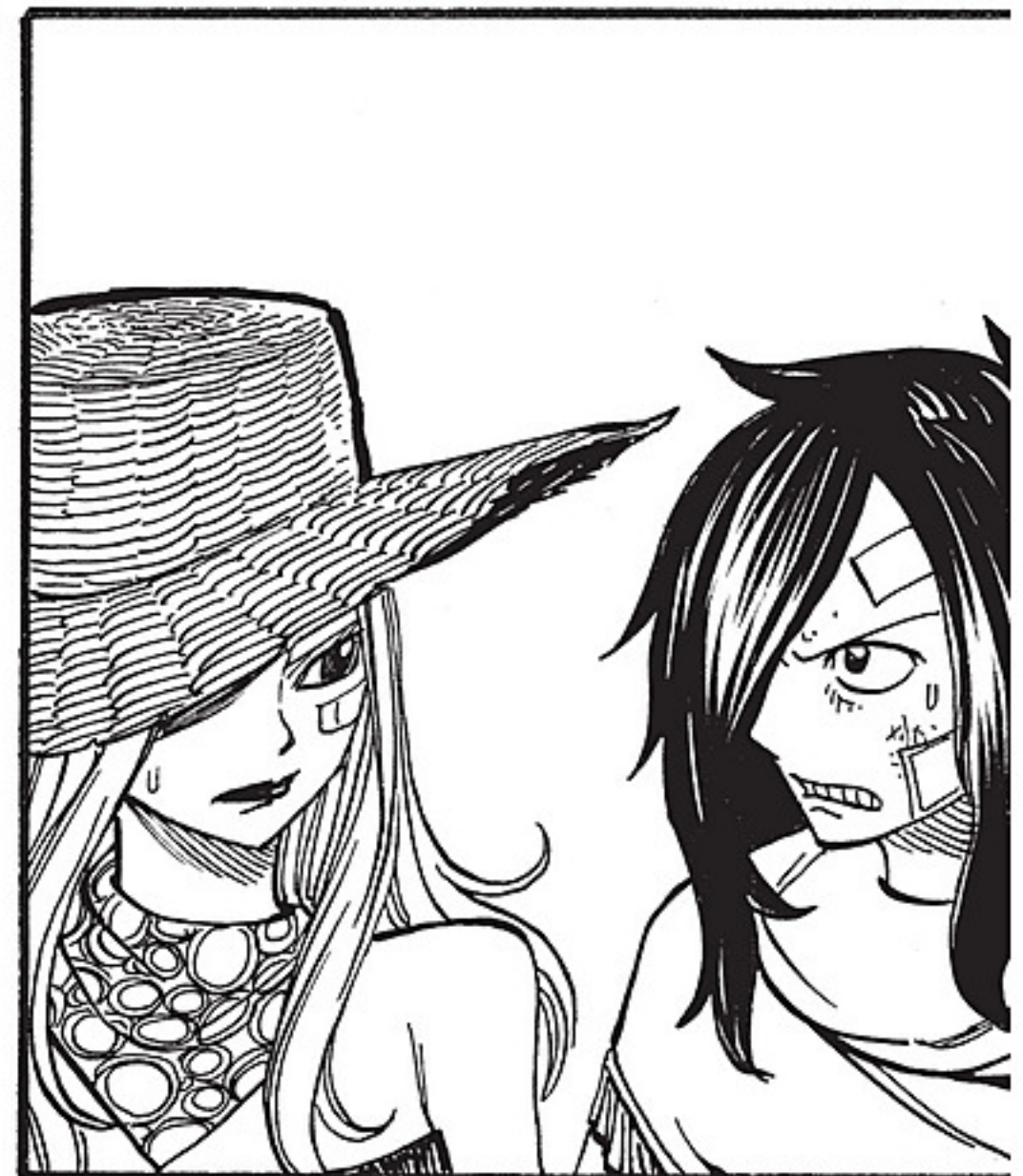
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He was hit by wind-style magic, huh?



Eeh?! We thought you *wanted* us to hear all that!!

Are you two still here?!!

Eeh?! We thought you *wanted* us to hear all that!!

Are you two still here?!!

We'll go
tell the
others.

I-Is
that
right...

We'll go
tell the
others.

I-Is
that
right...



If we could recover Makarov's power from the wind, we could bring him back quickly, but...

It's too late for that. He'll be here a long time.



If we could recover Makarov's power from the wind, we could bring him back quickly, but...

It's too late for that. He'll be here a long time.

Eee!!!
We'll be on
our way
now!!!

Go home!!!
Get out of here!!!
You stink of
humanity!!!

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH

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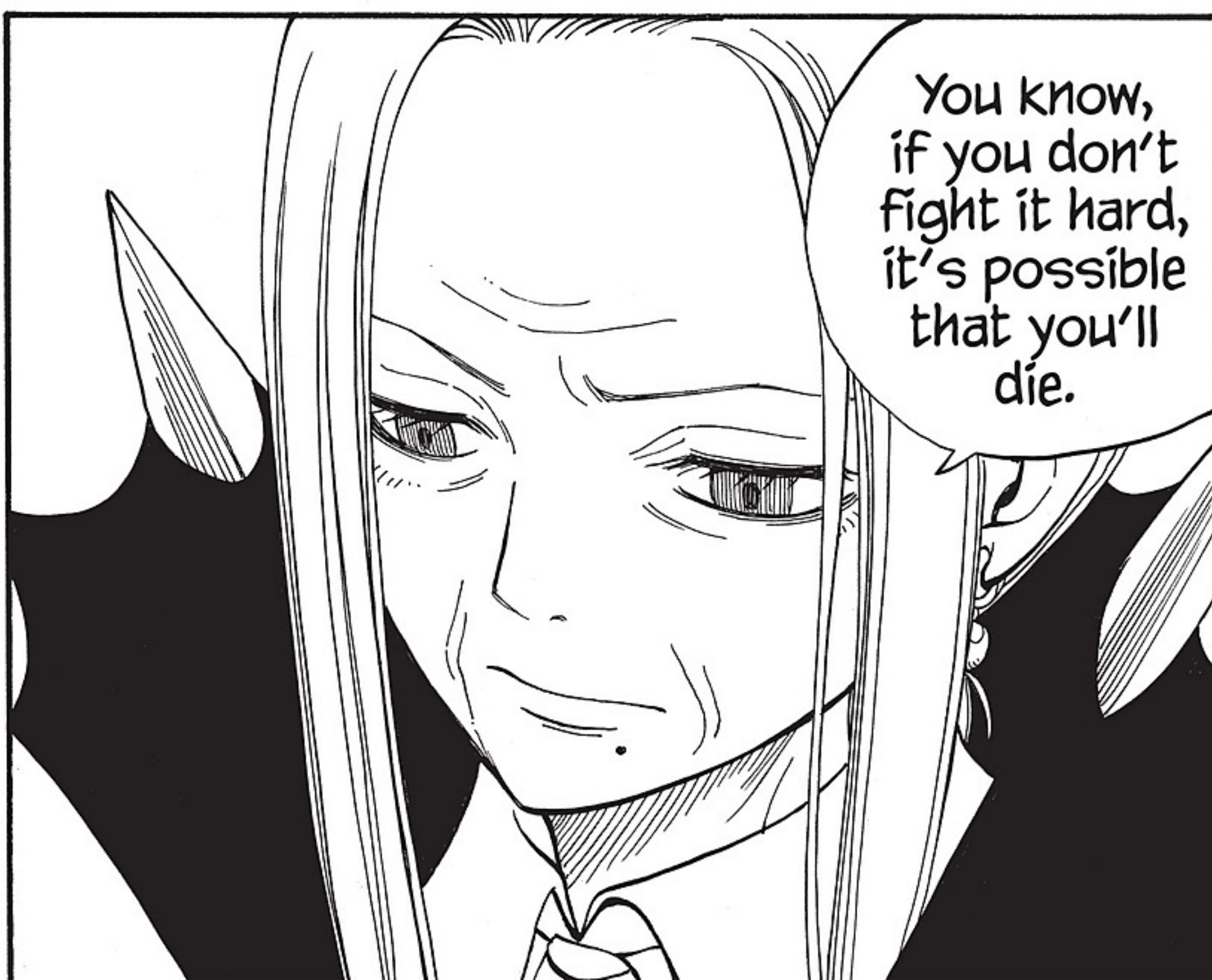
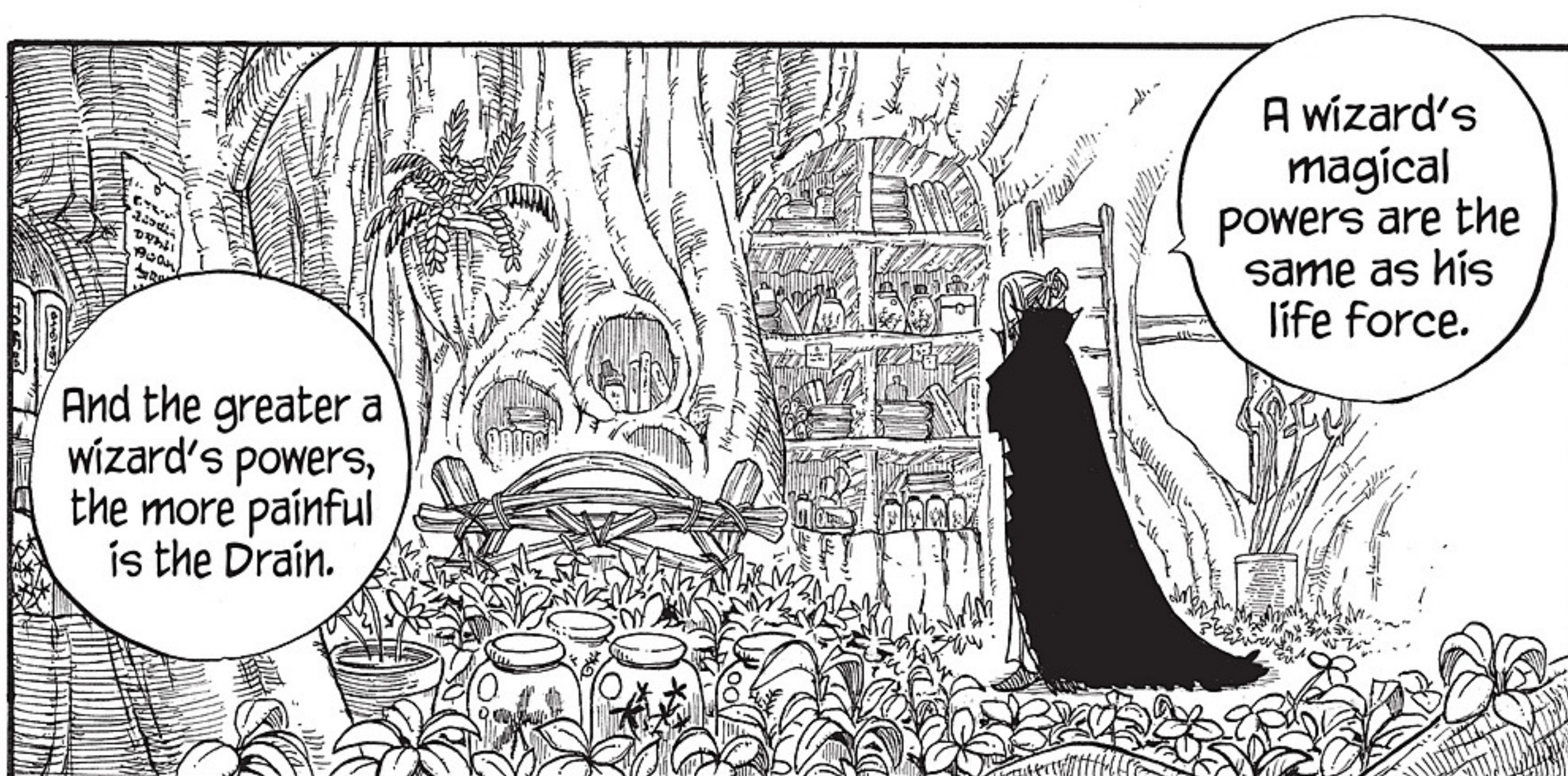
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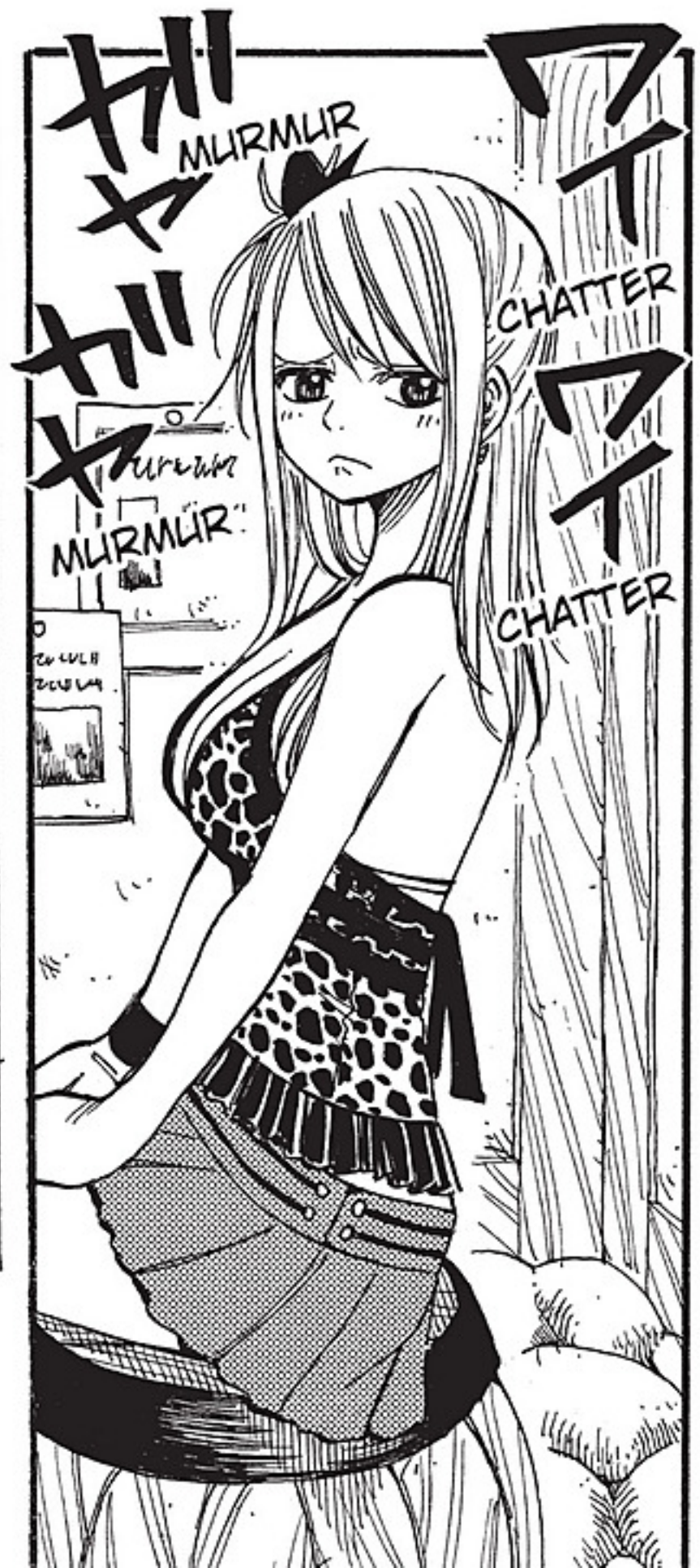
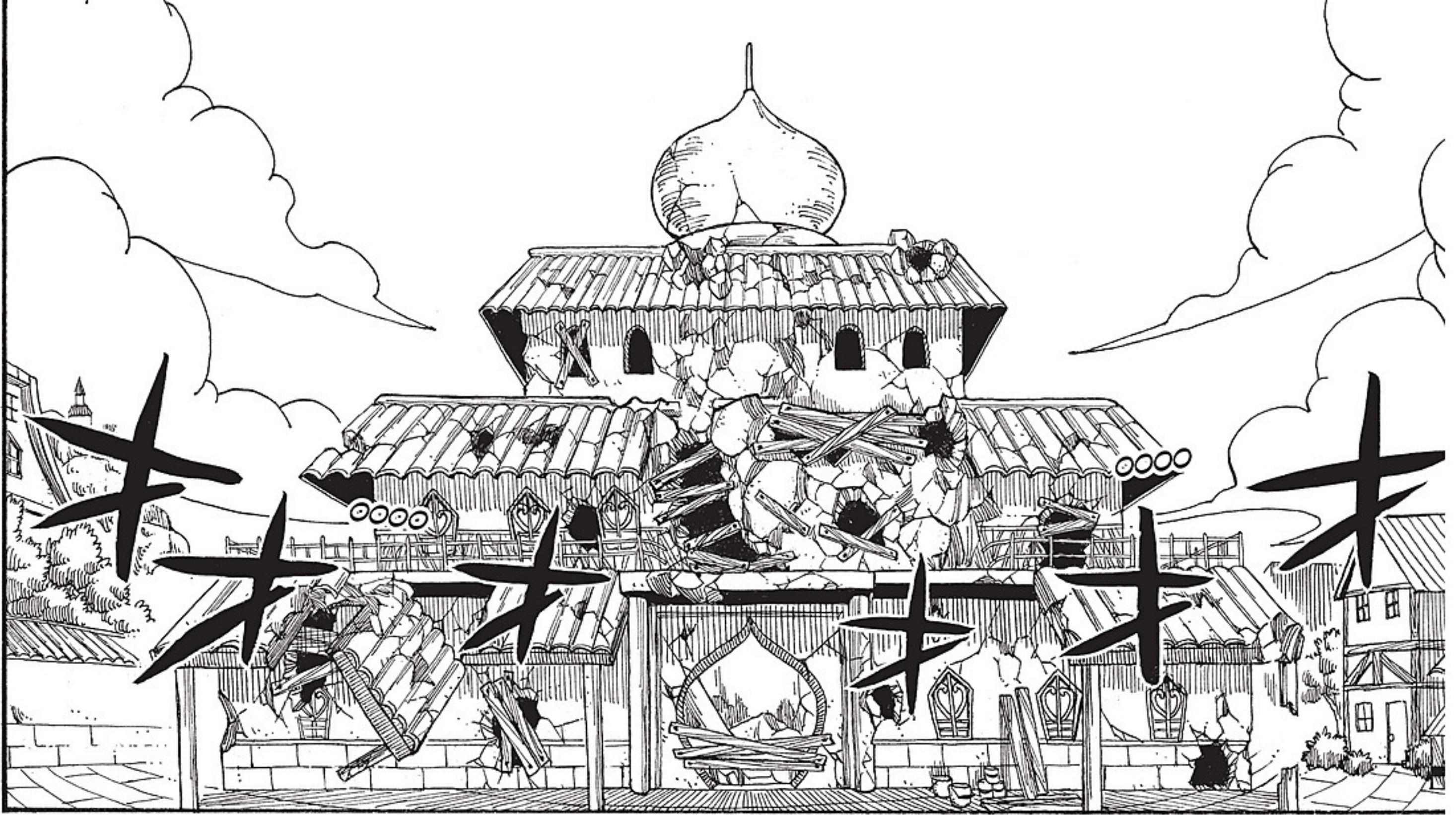
Eee!!!
We'll be on
our way
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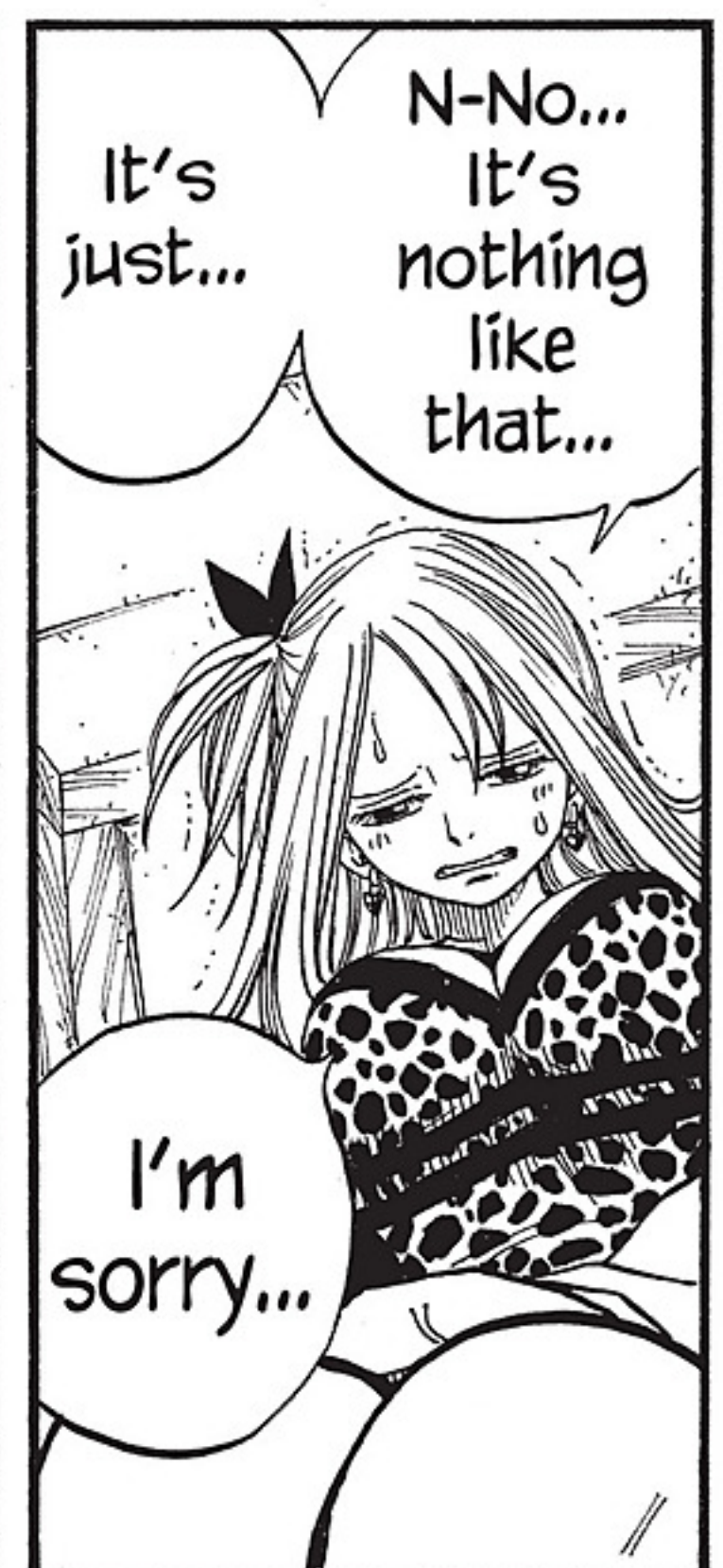
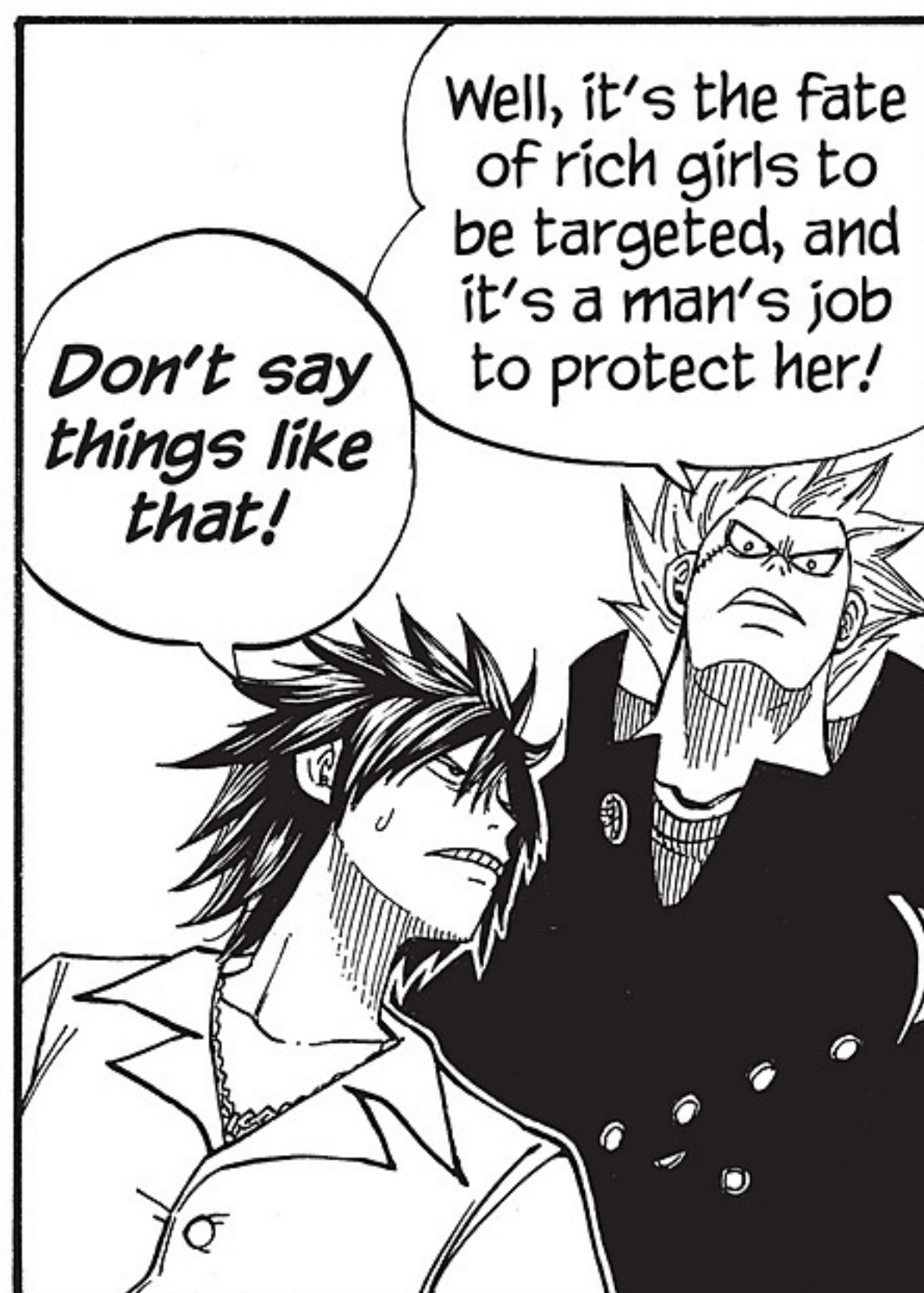
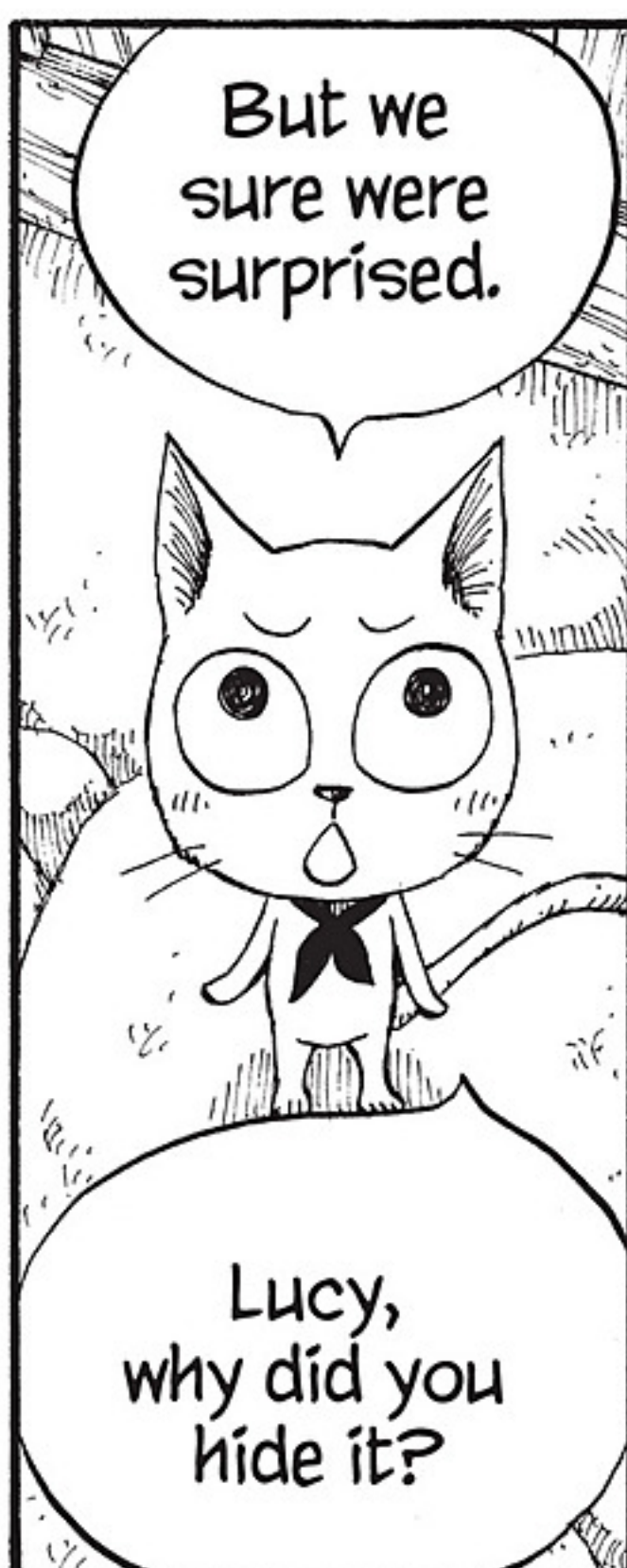
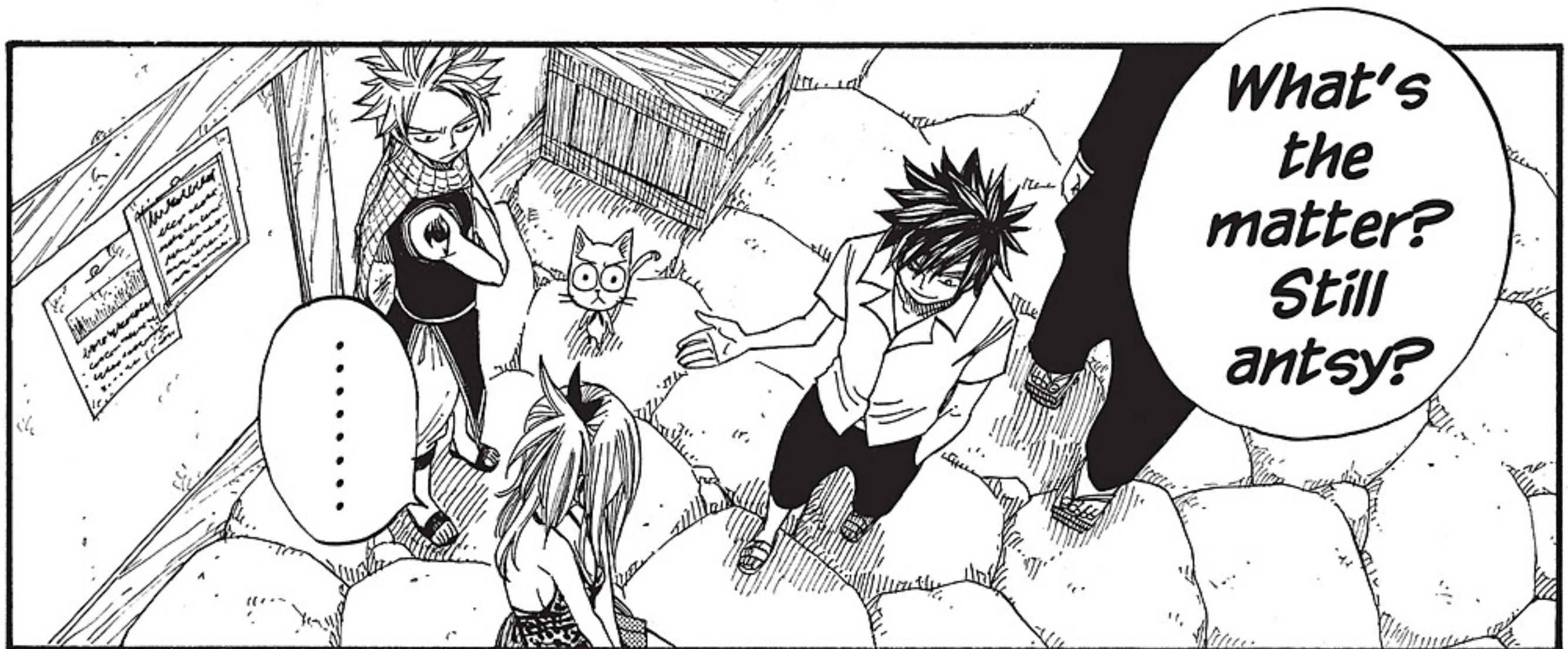
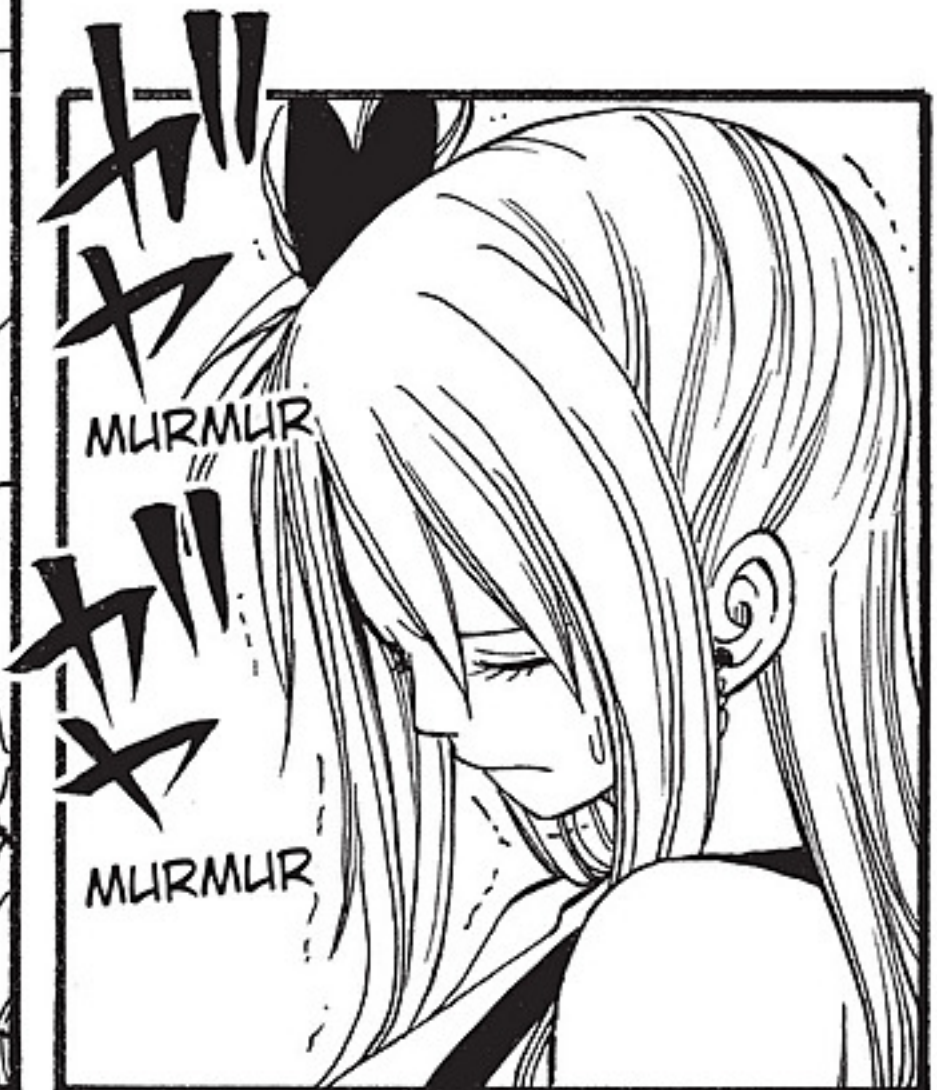
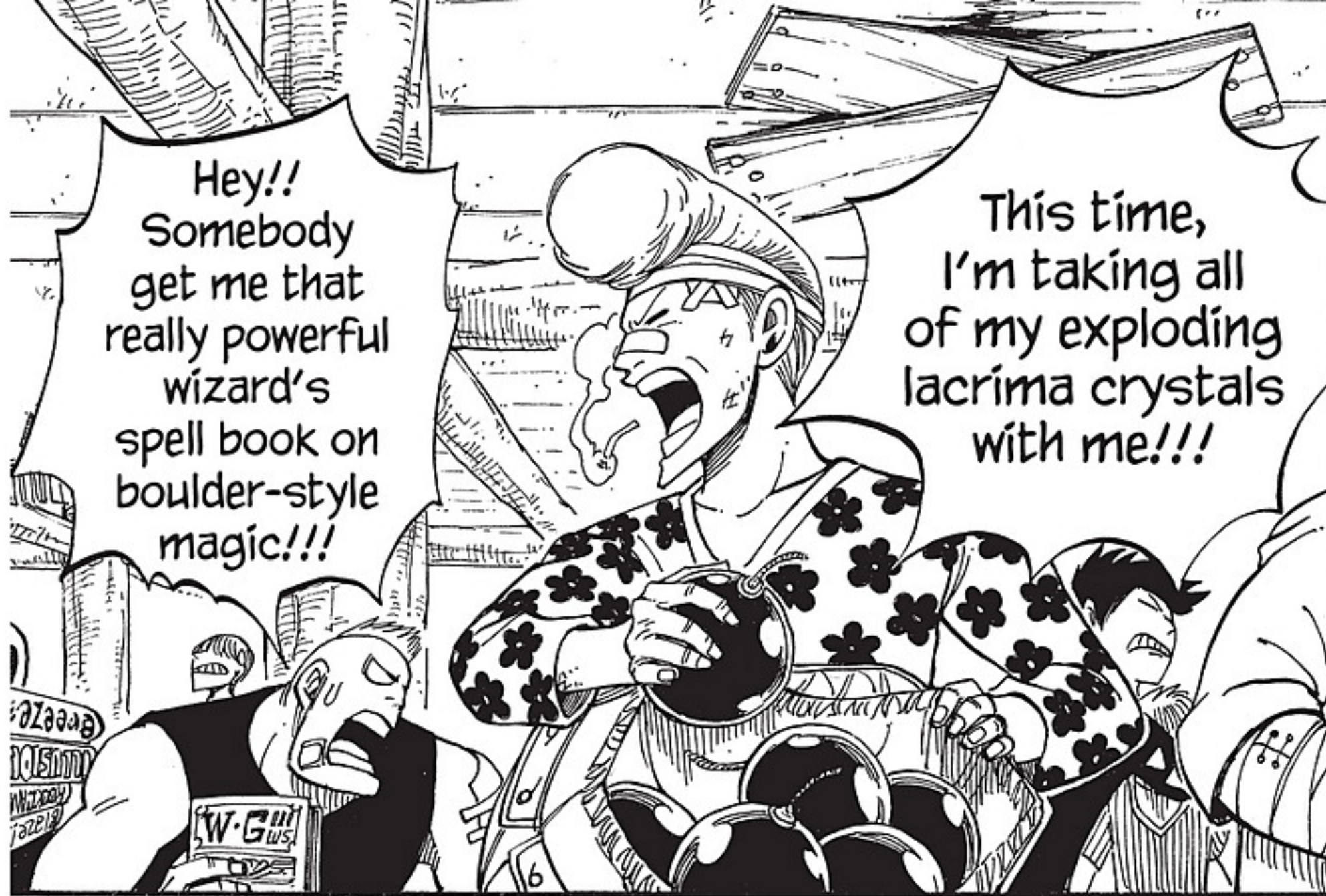
Go home!!!
Get out of here!!!
You stink of
humanity!!!

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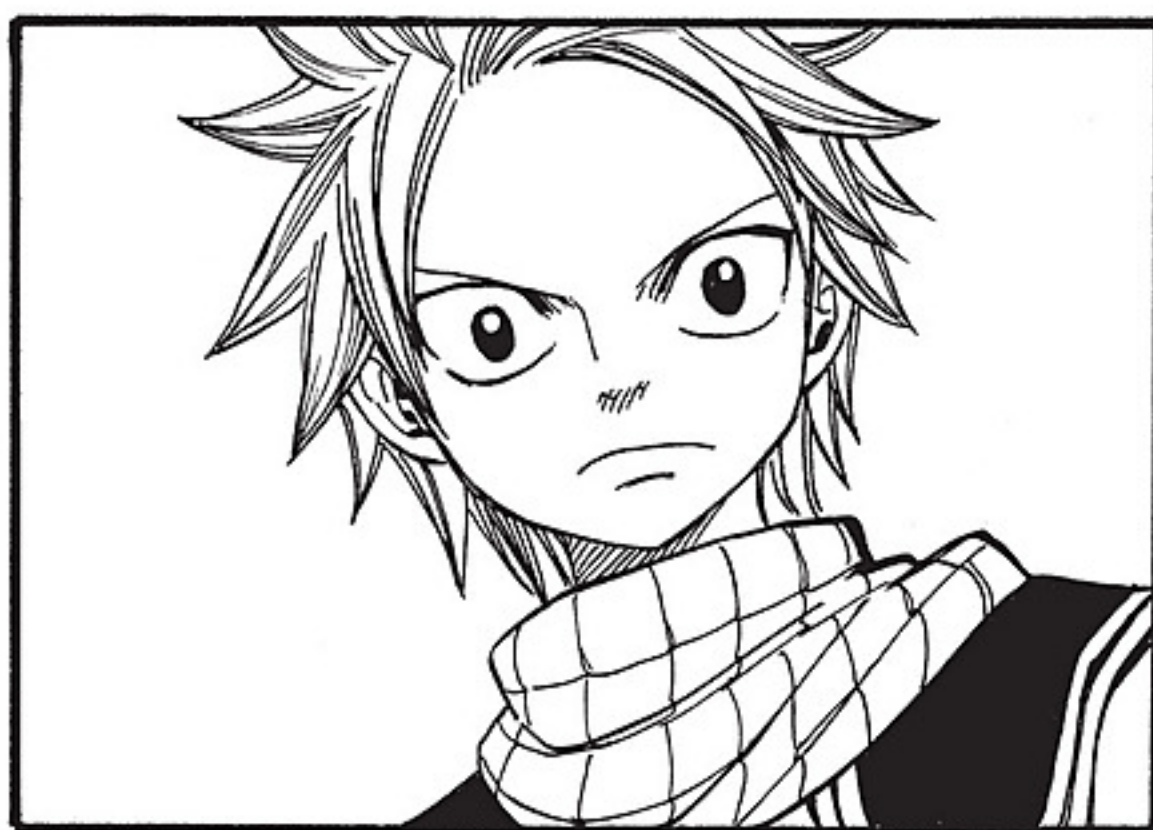


For an entire year, he didn't do a thing about his runaway daughter... then suddenly he wants me home again...



I was running away from home, and I didn't want to talk about it...

I wasn't hiding it, exactly... I just...



How low can he sink?!

I never dreamed that Papa would use such tactics to get me back.



I guess if I just went home, this would be all over.

I really am sorry!

I don't know about that.



Eh... I mean, Phantom!!

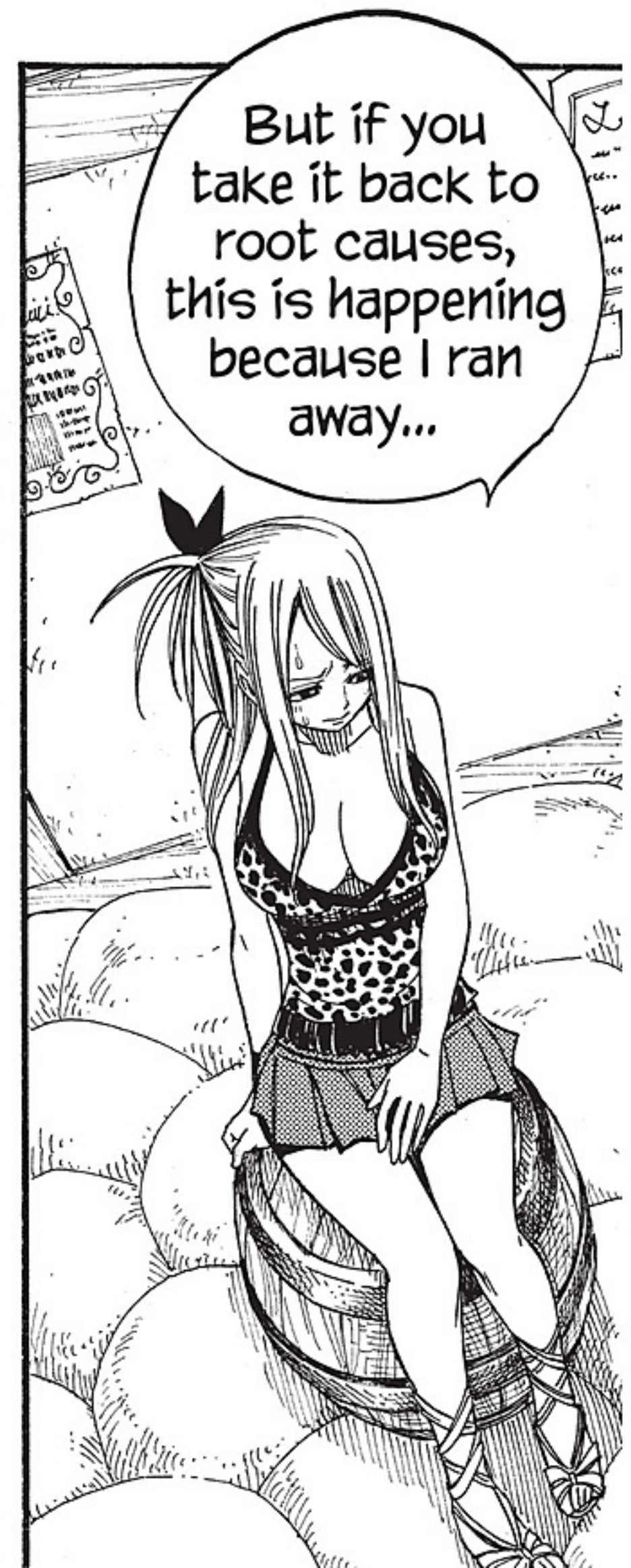
N-No!! Your father is the evil one!!

Shut up, idiot!!!

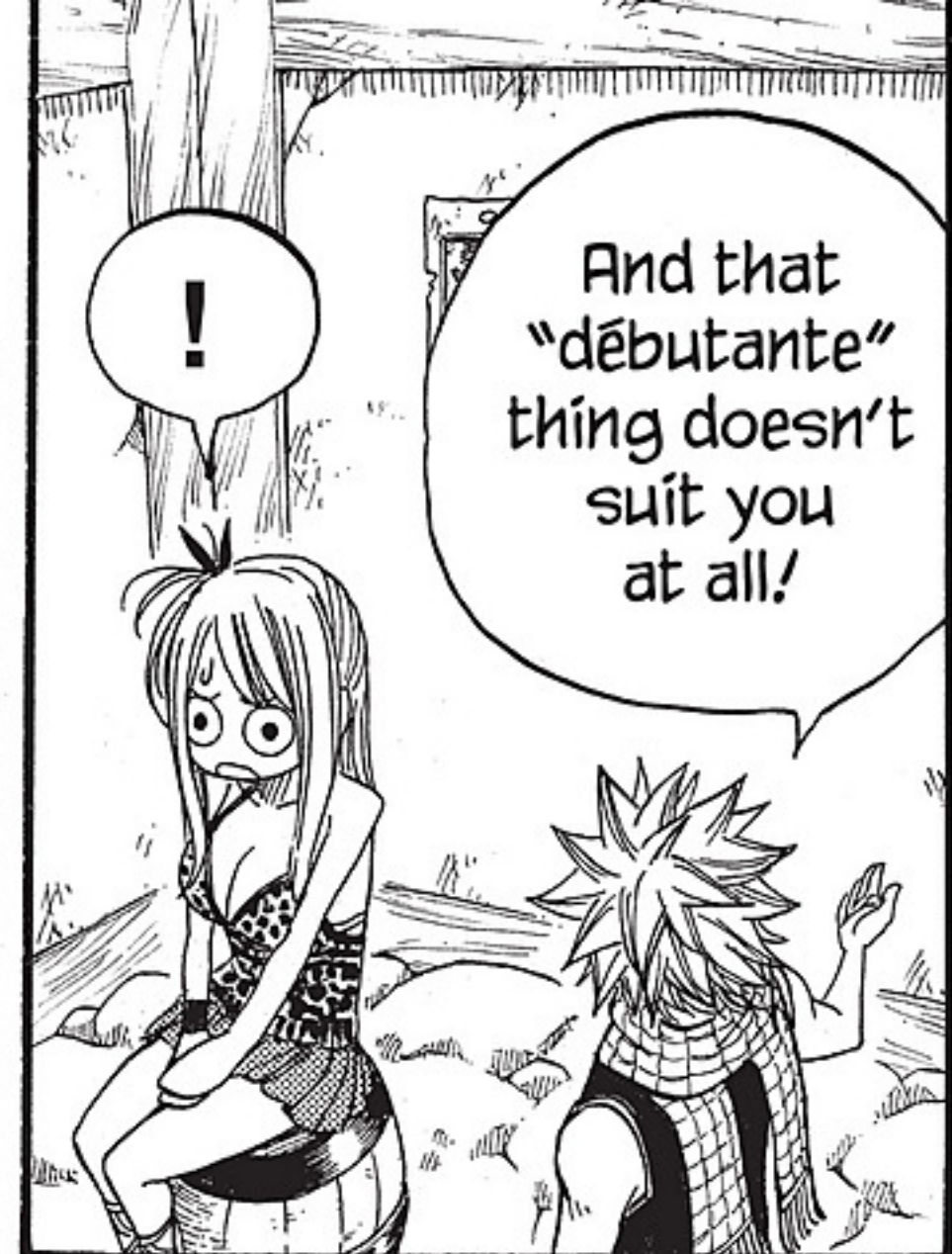


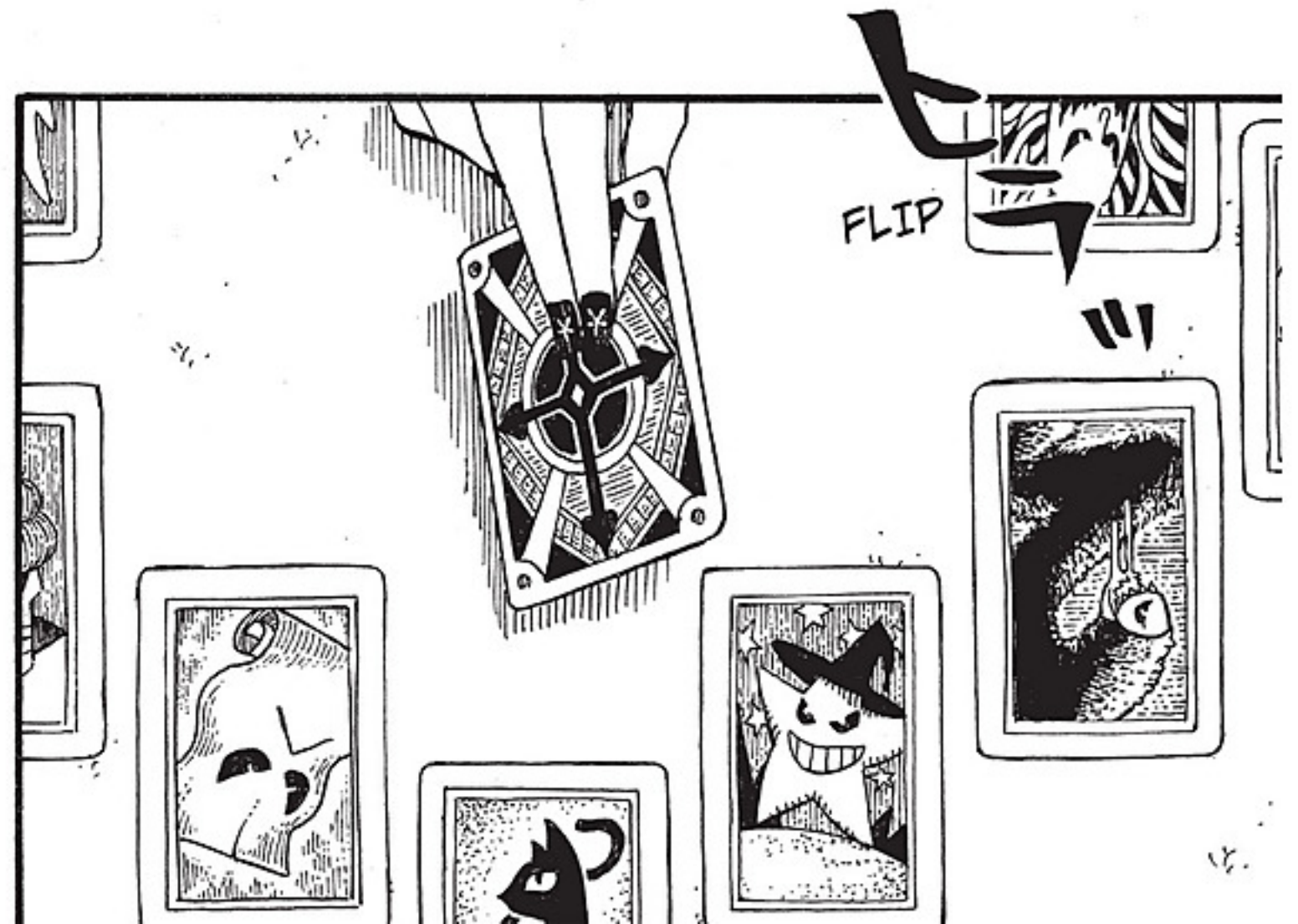
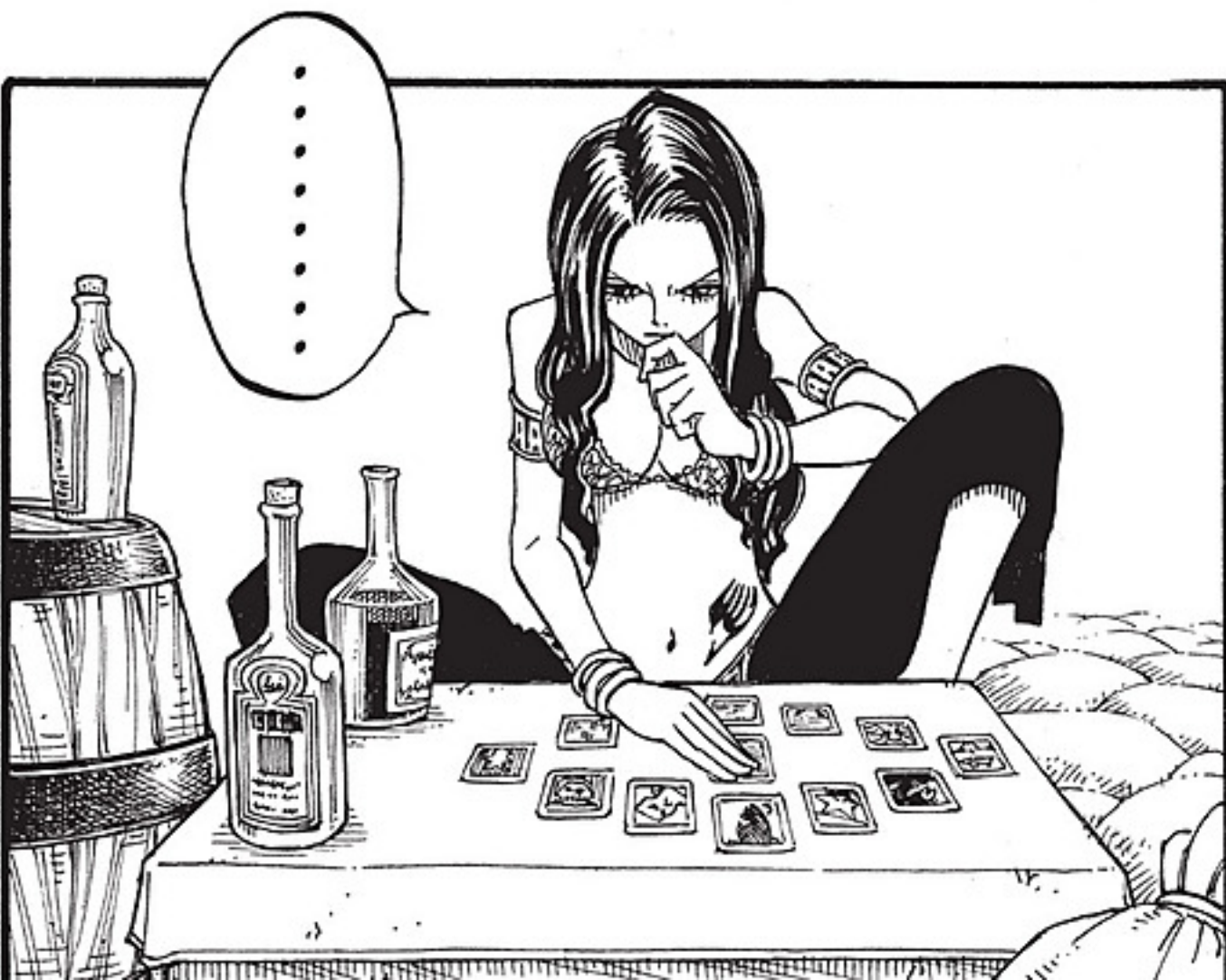
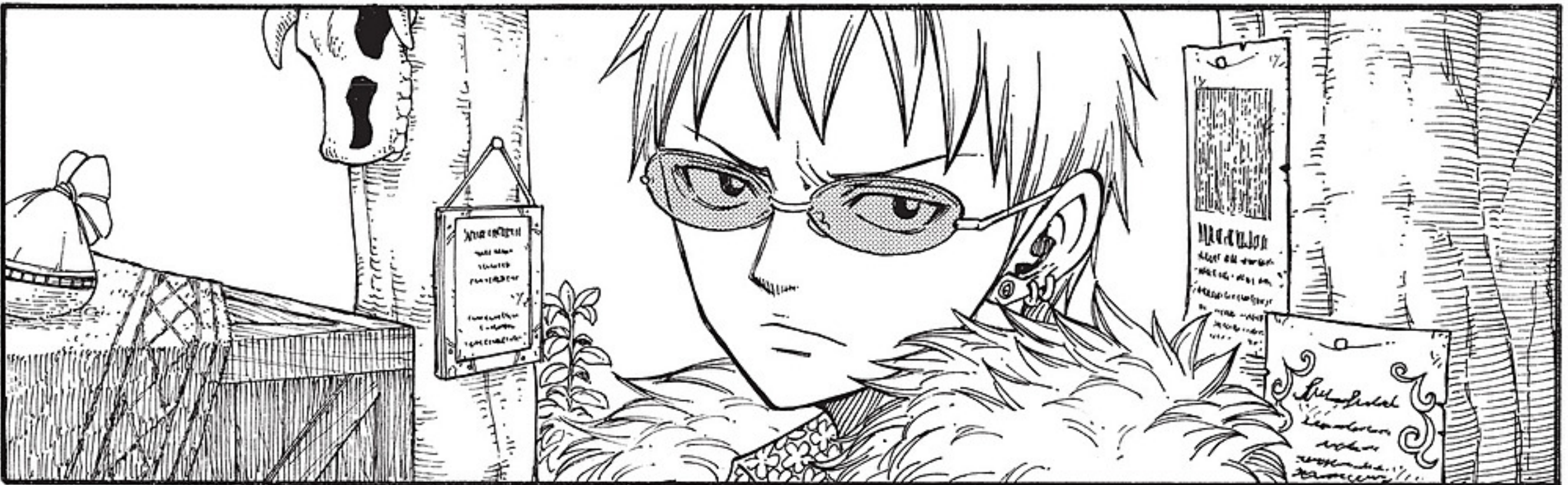
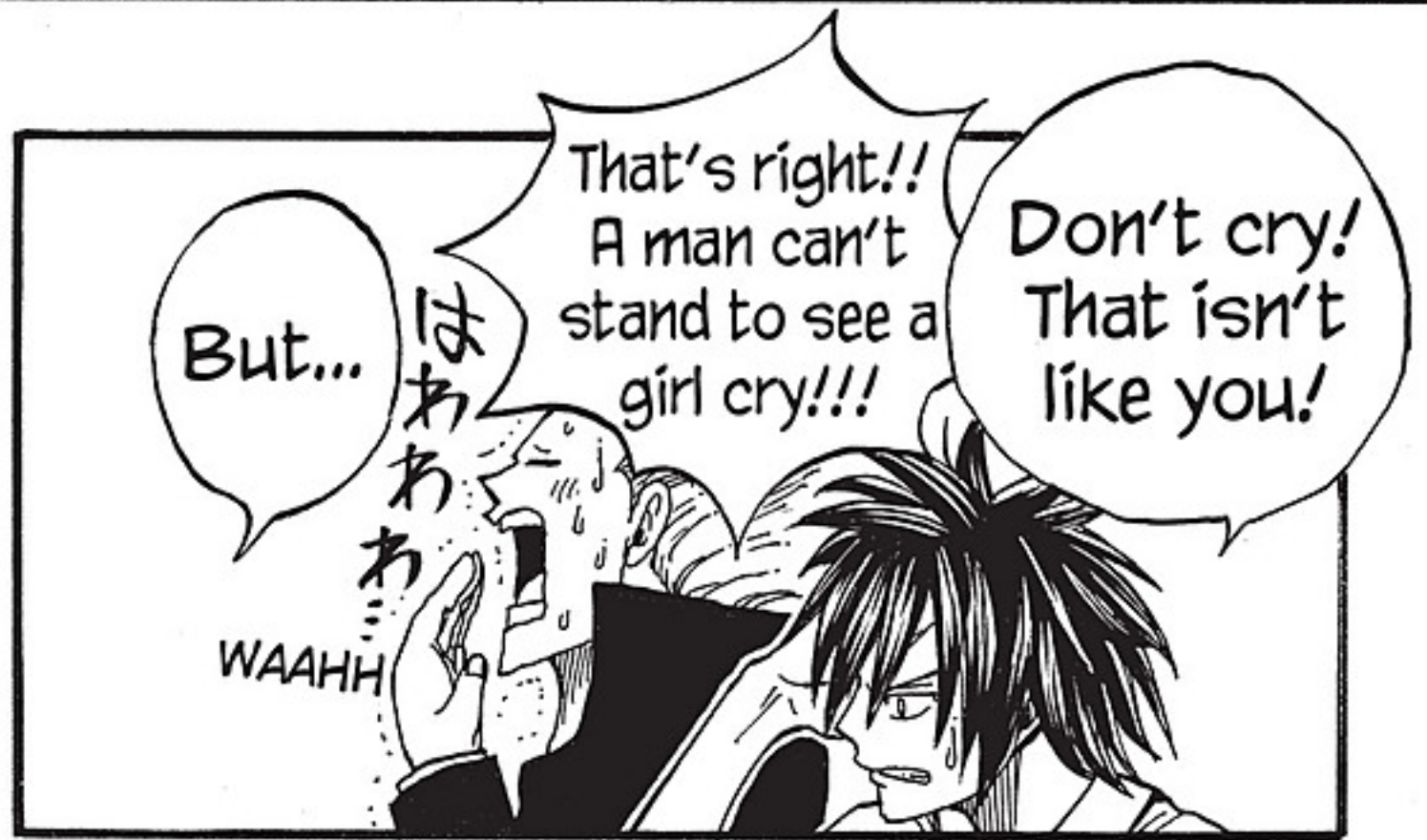
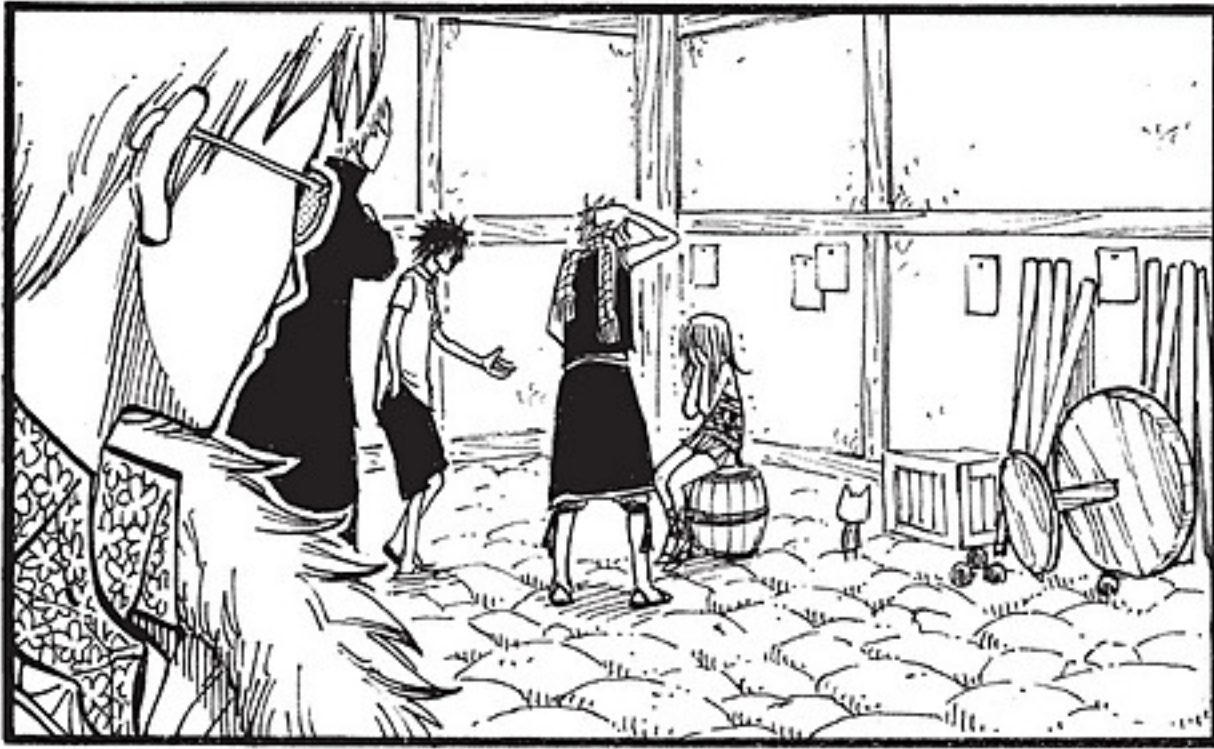
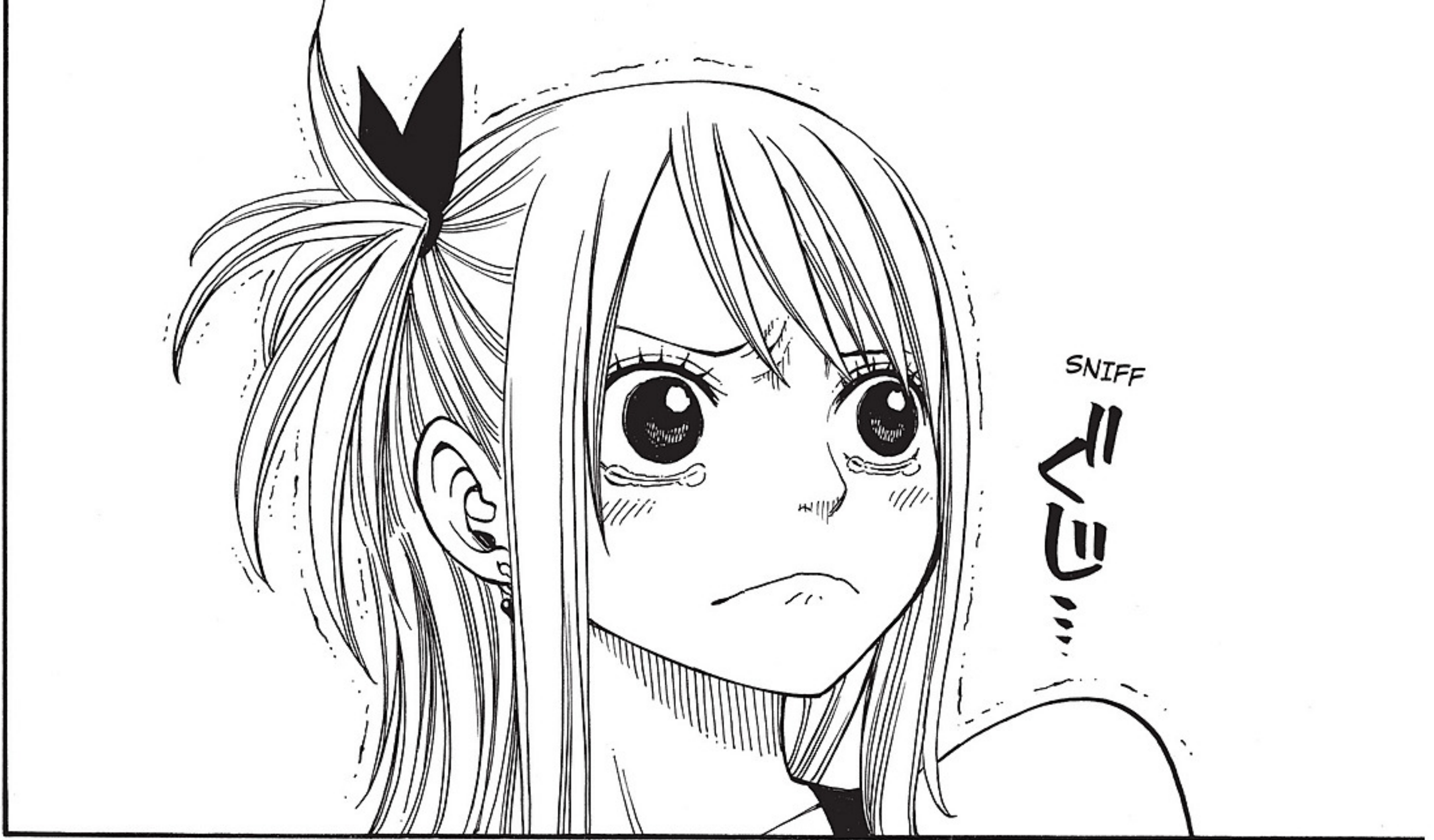
But I never thought it would cause everyone to be hurt like this.

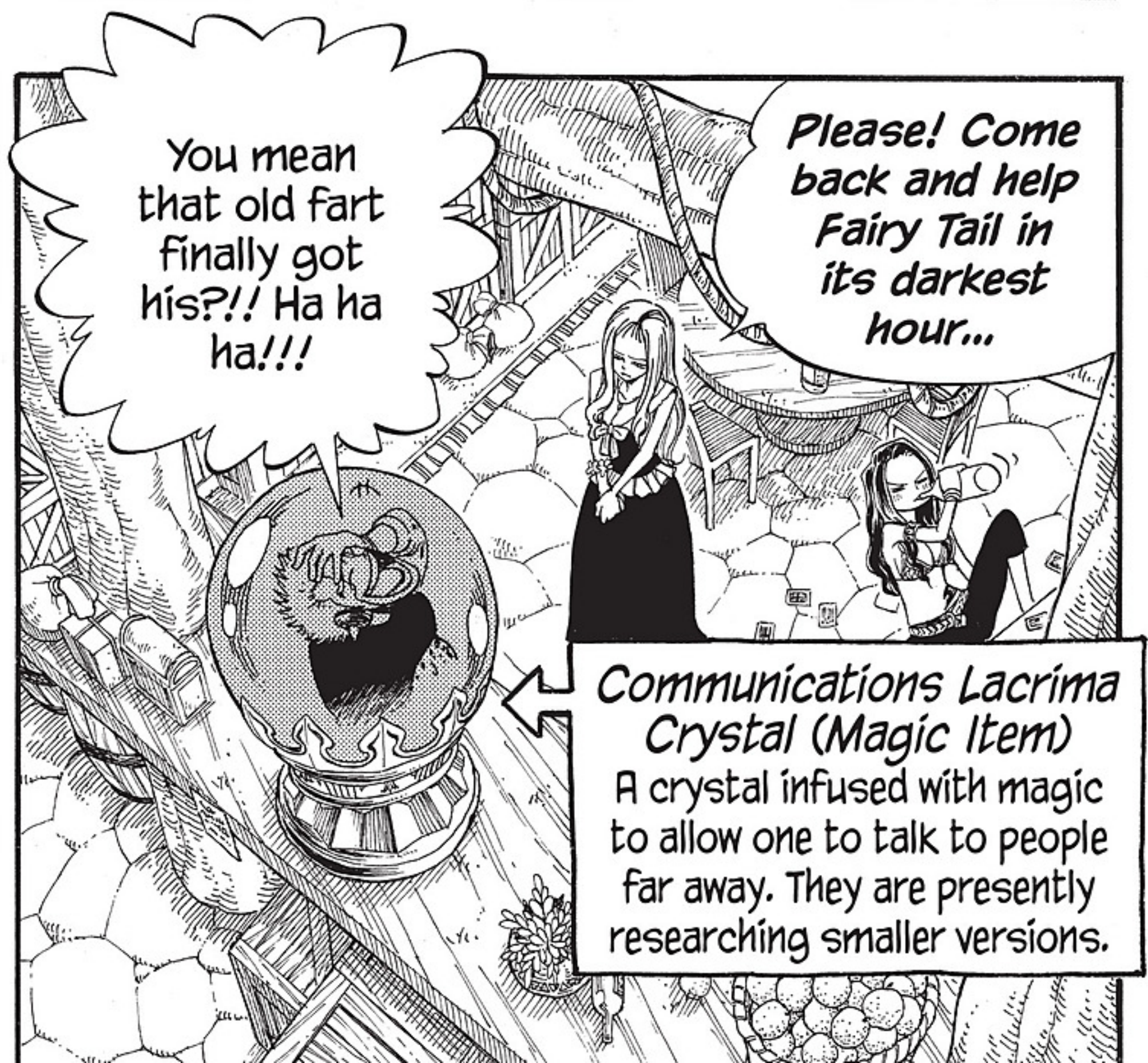
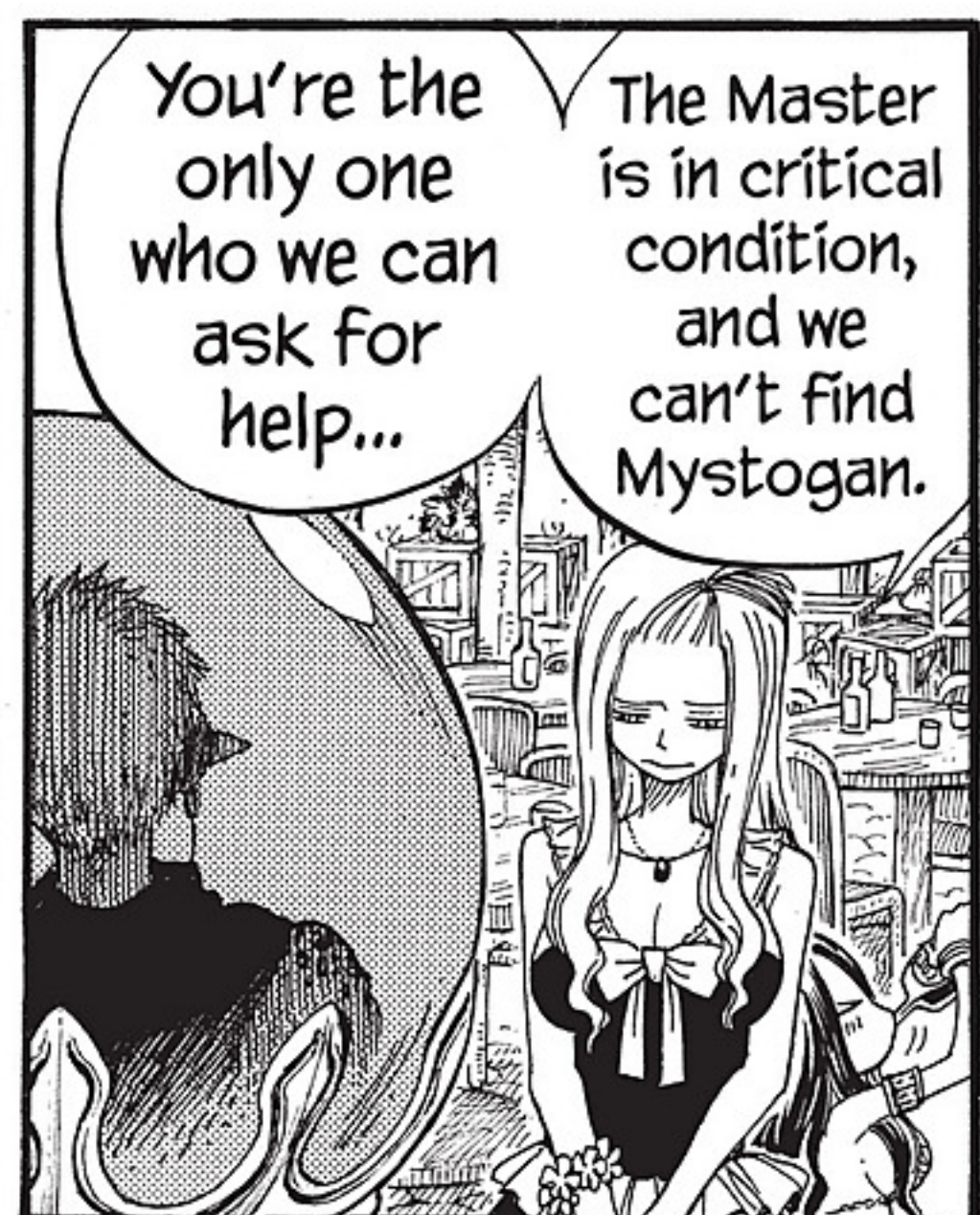
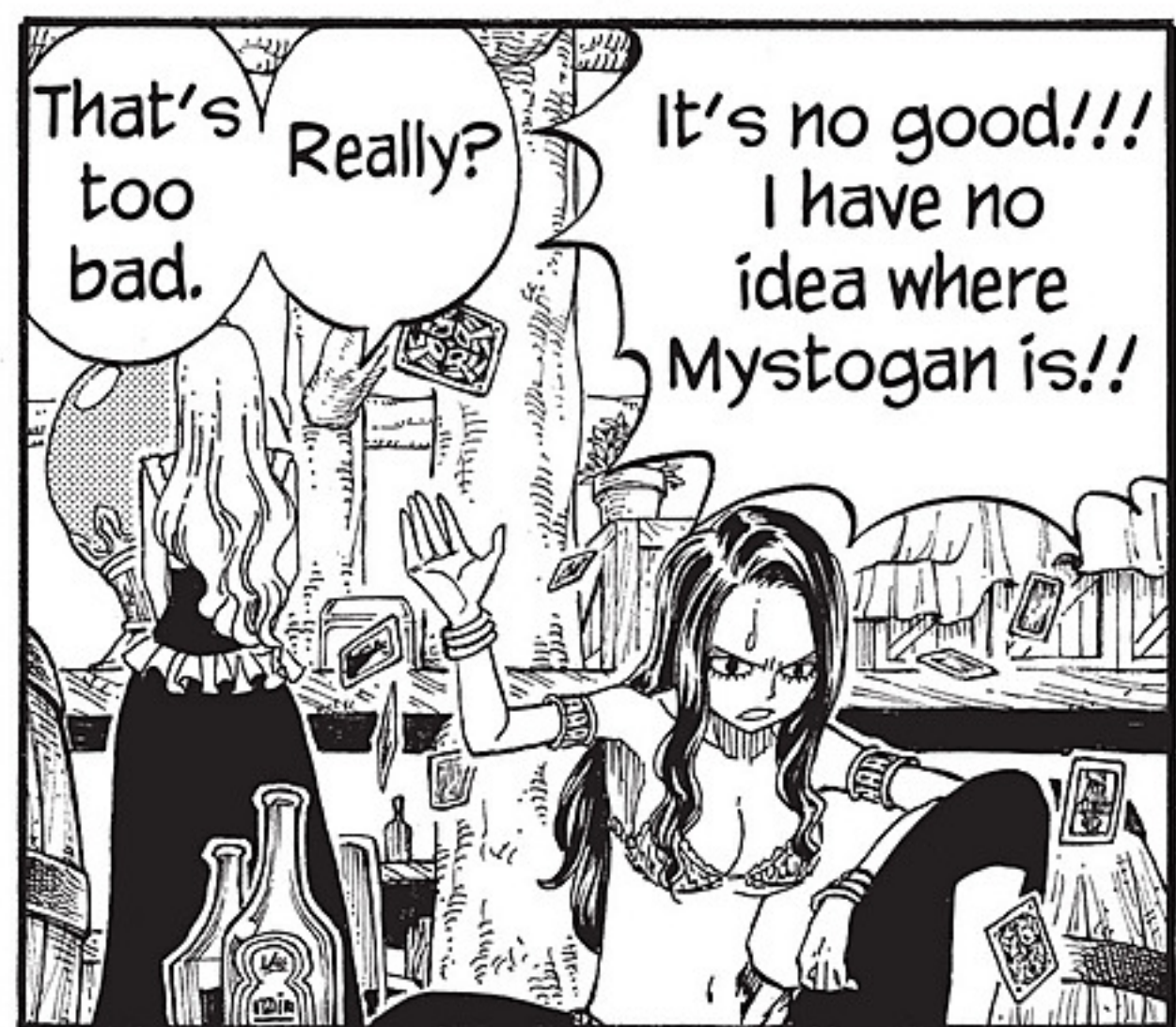
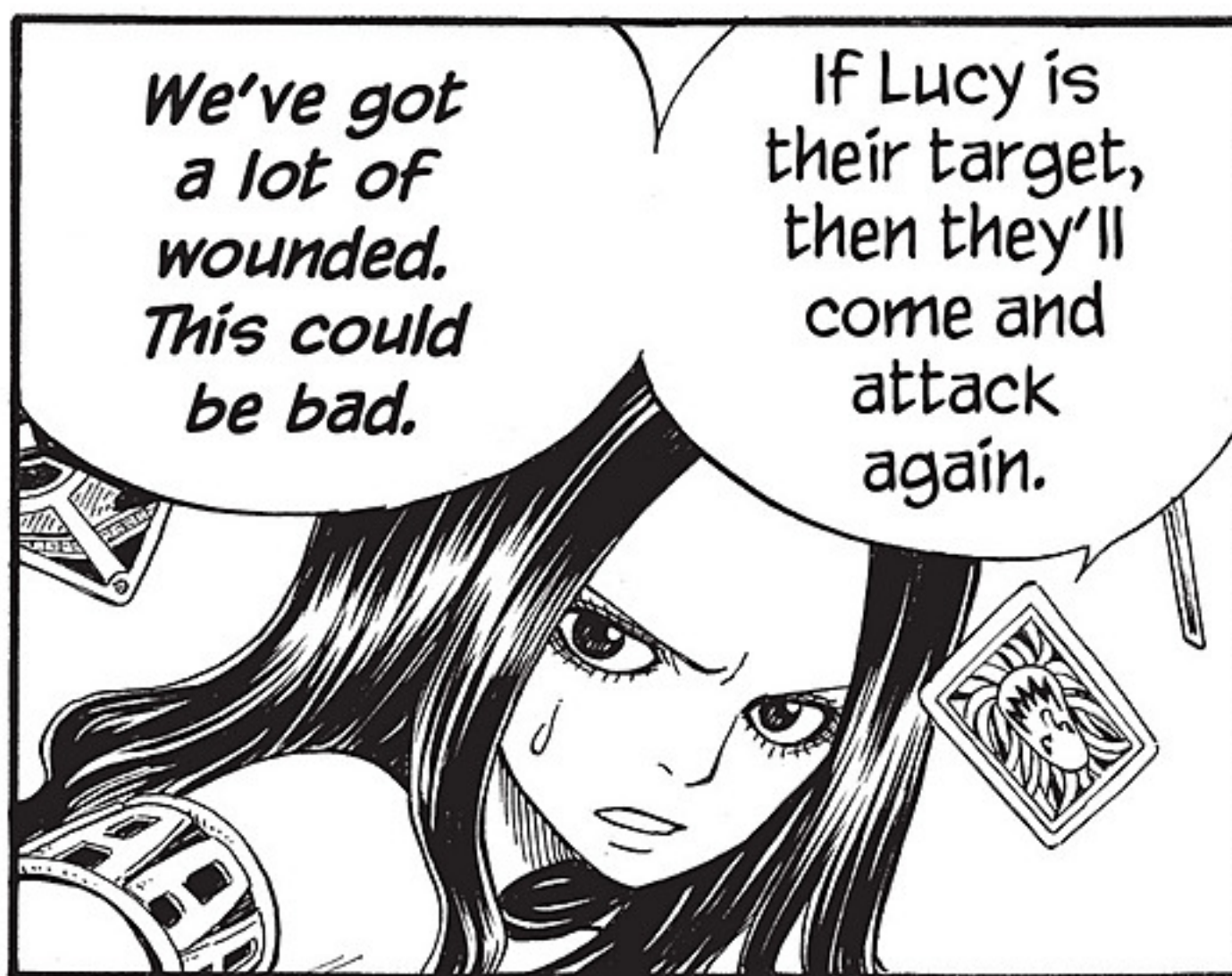
I acted on my own selfish whims.

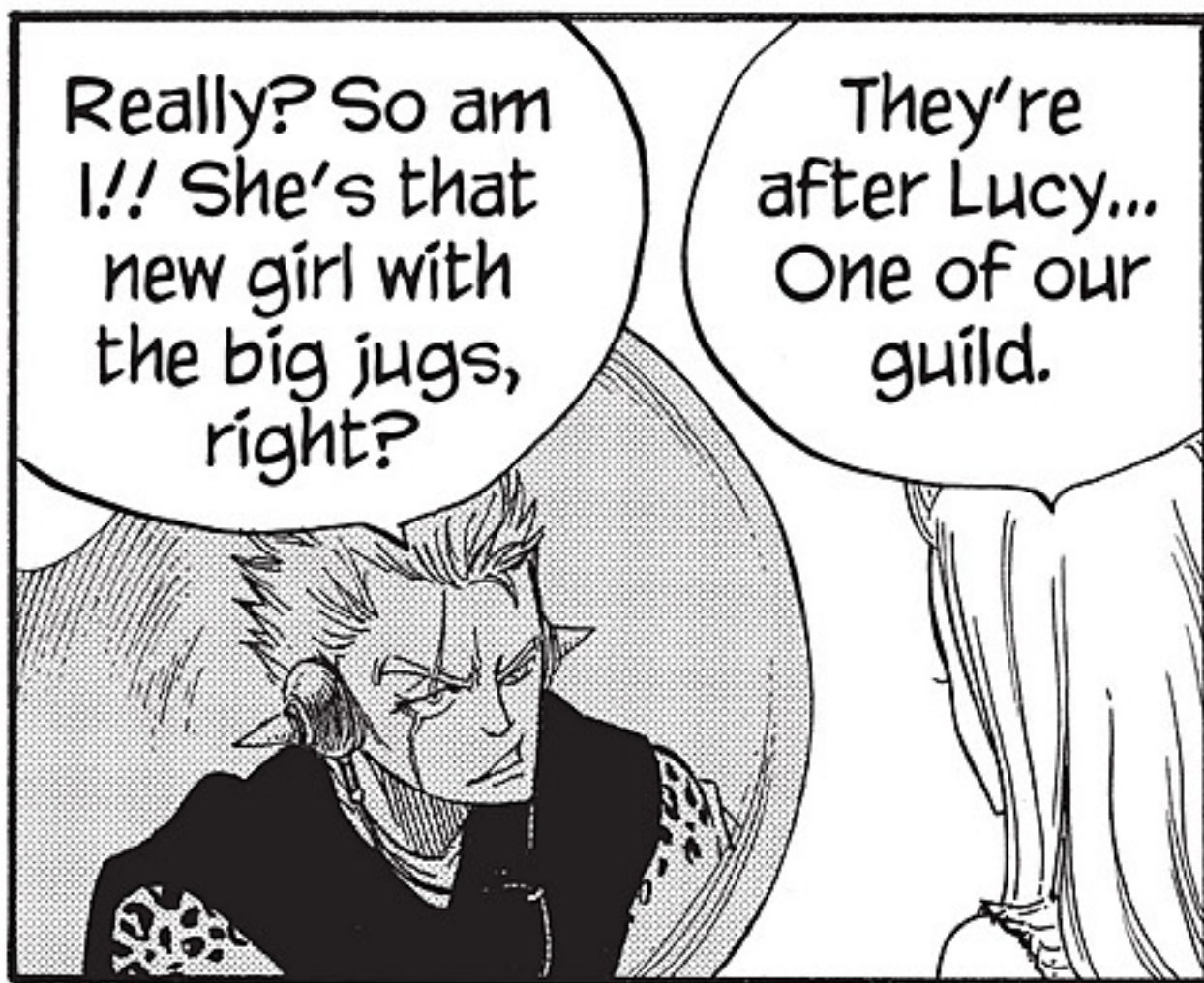


But if you take it back to root causes, this is happening because I ran away...



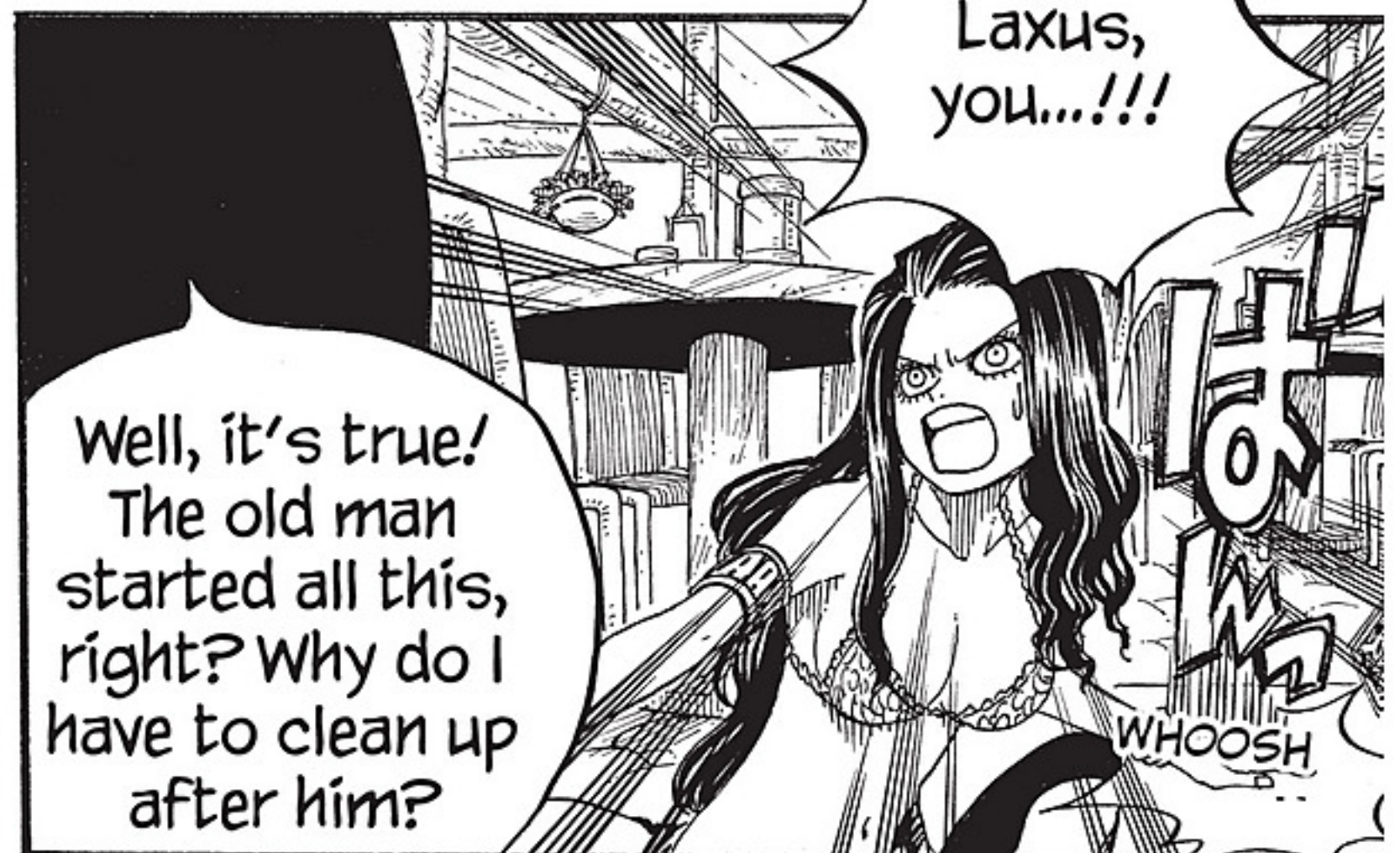






Really? So am I!! She's that new girl with the big jugs, right?

They're after Lucy... One of our guild.

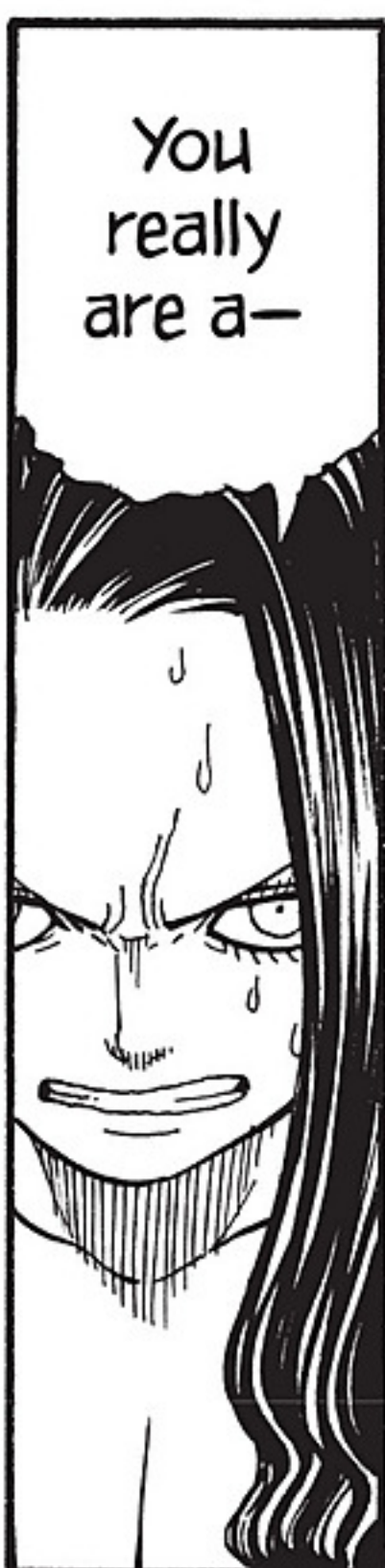


Lexus, you...!!!

Well, it's true! The old man started all this, right? Why do I have to clean up after him?

WHOOSH

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You really are a—



Tell her that if she'll be my woman, I'll help out.

One more condition!! Tell the old fart to retire and make me the Master!!!

HA HA

HA

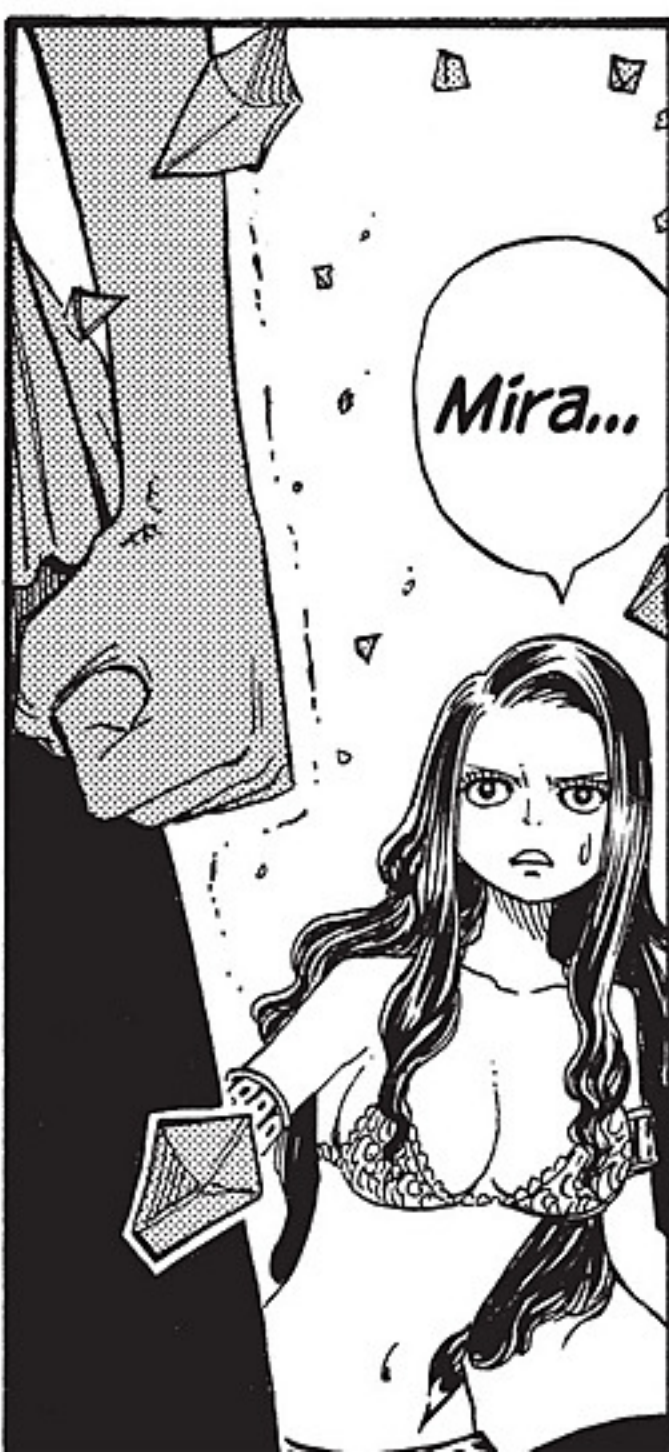
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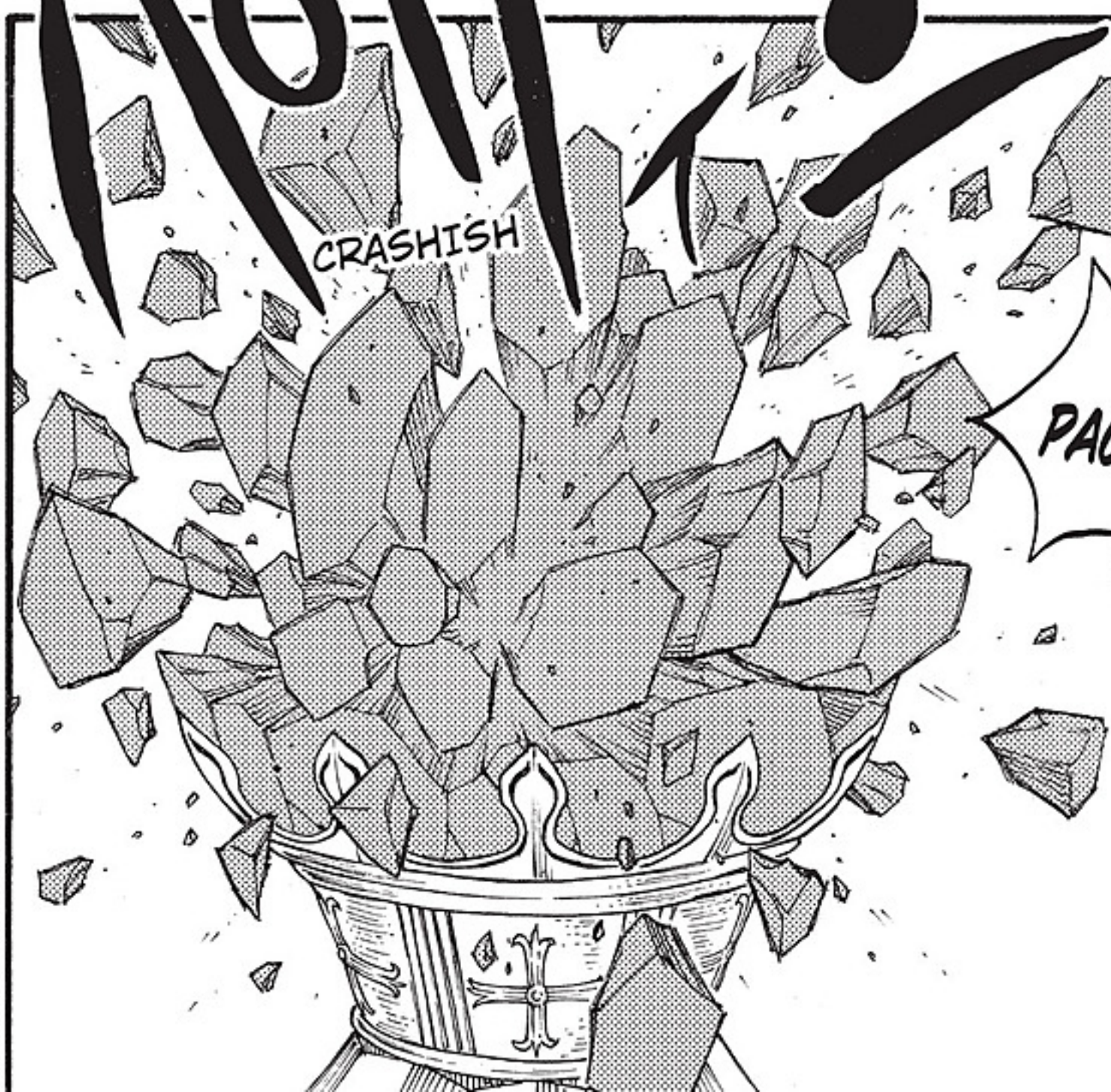
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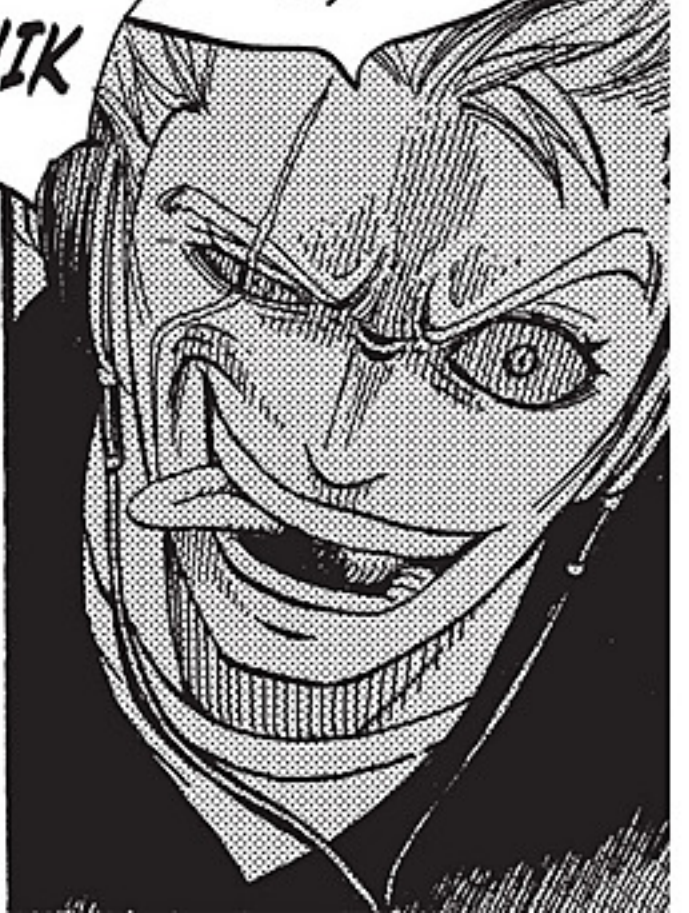
Mira...

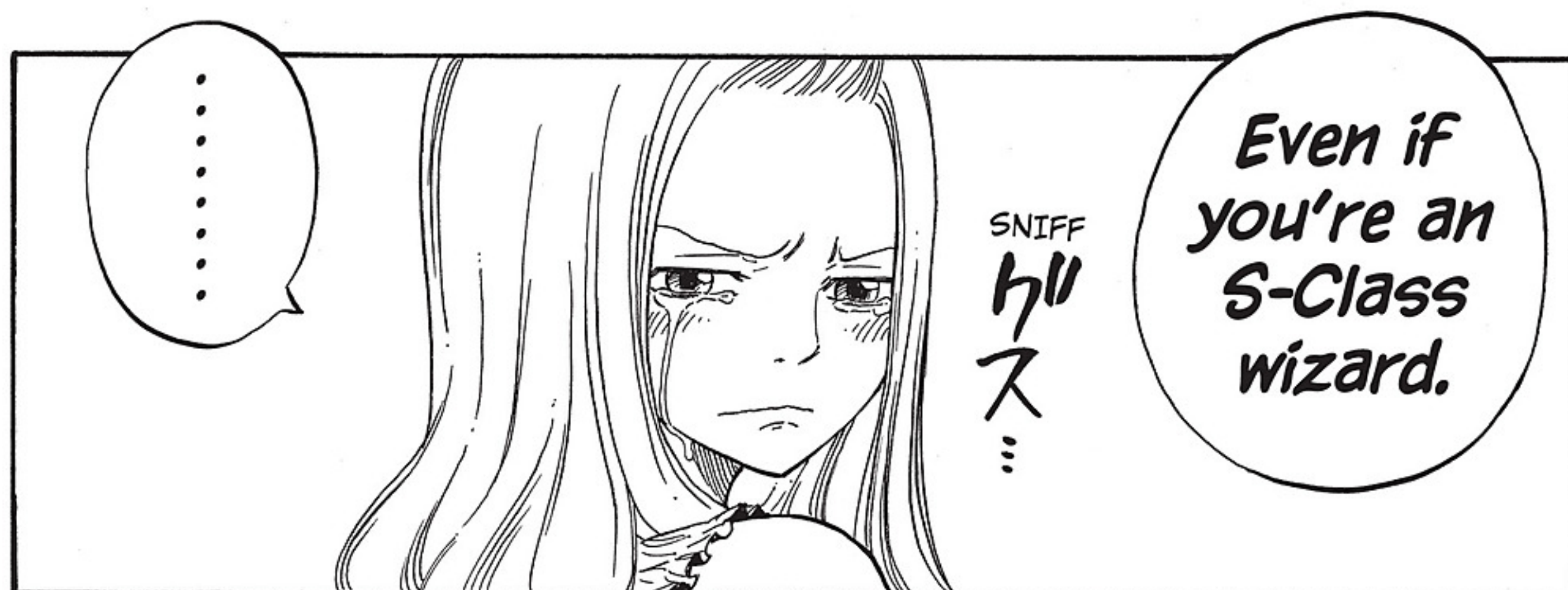
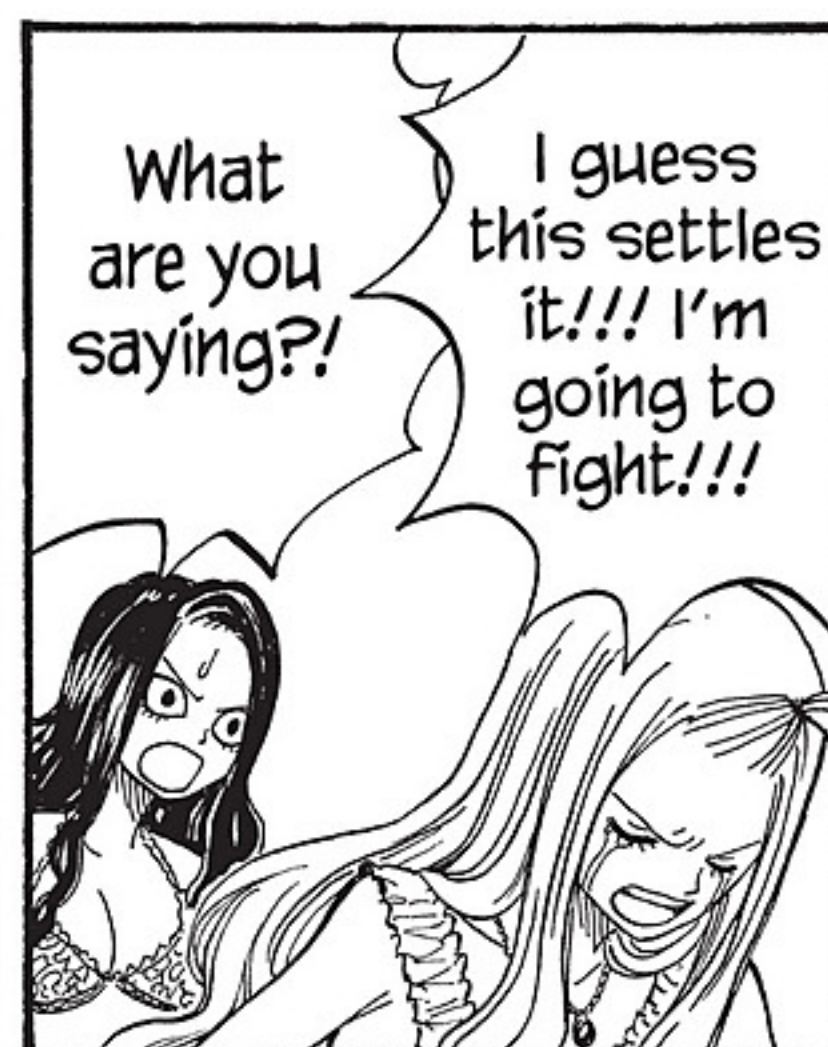
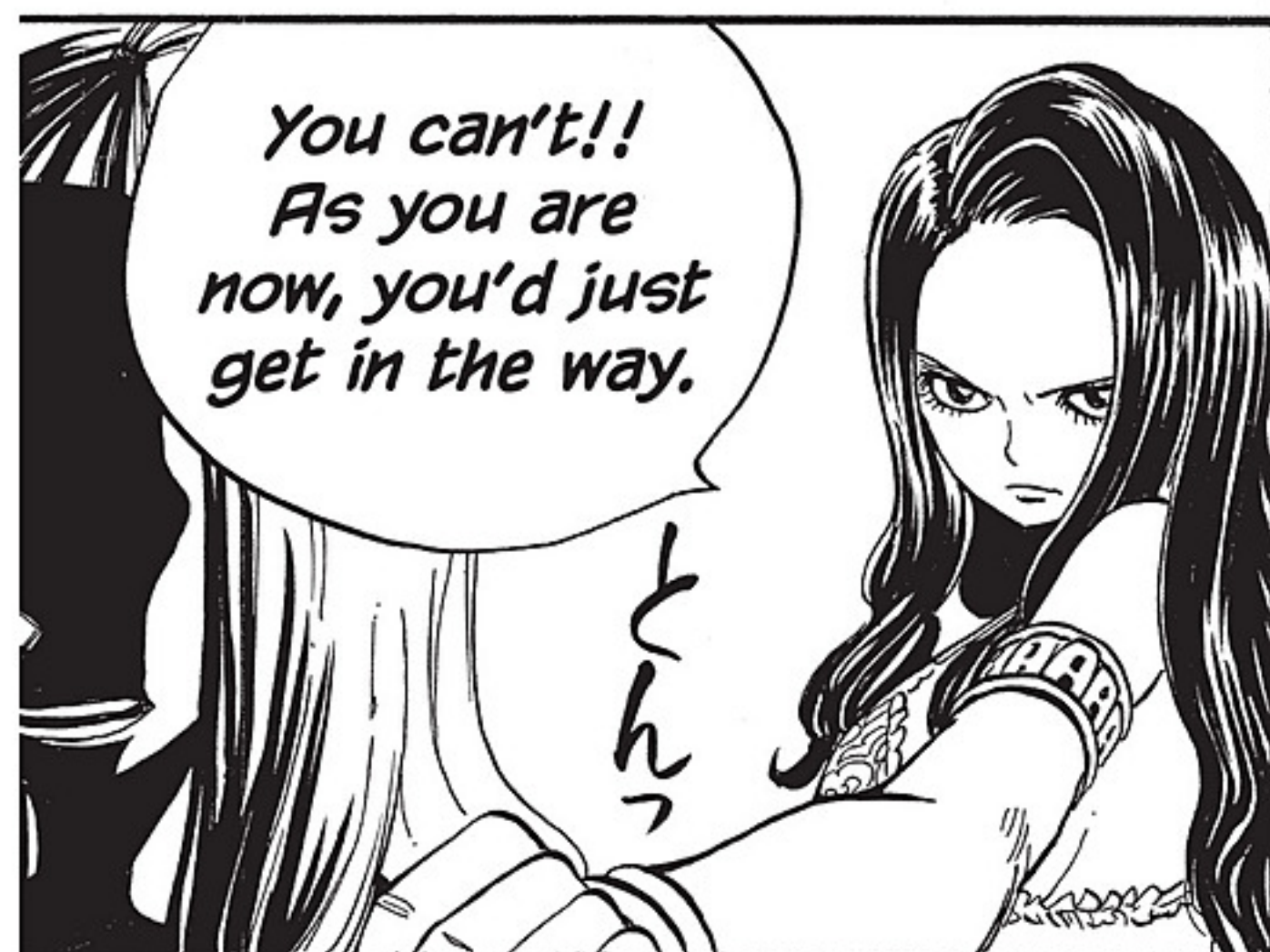
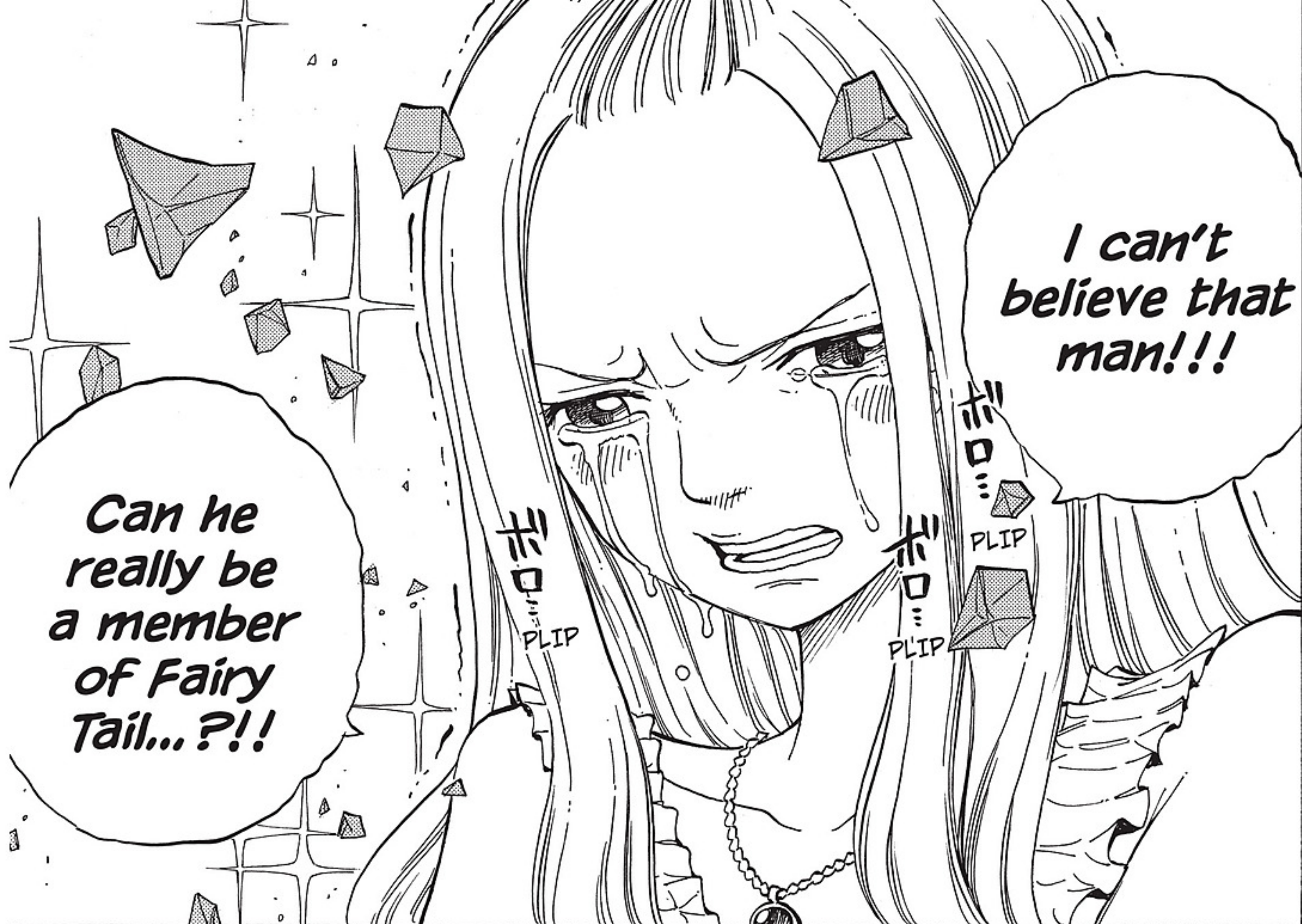


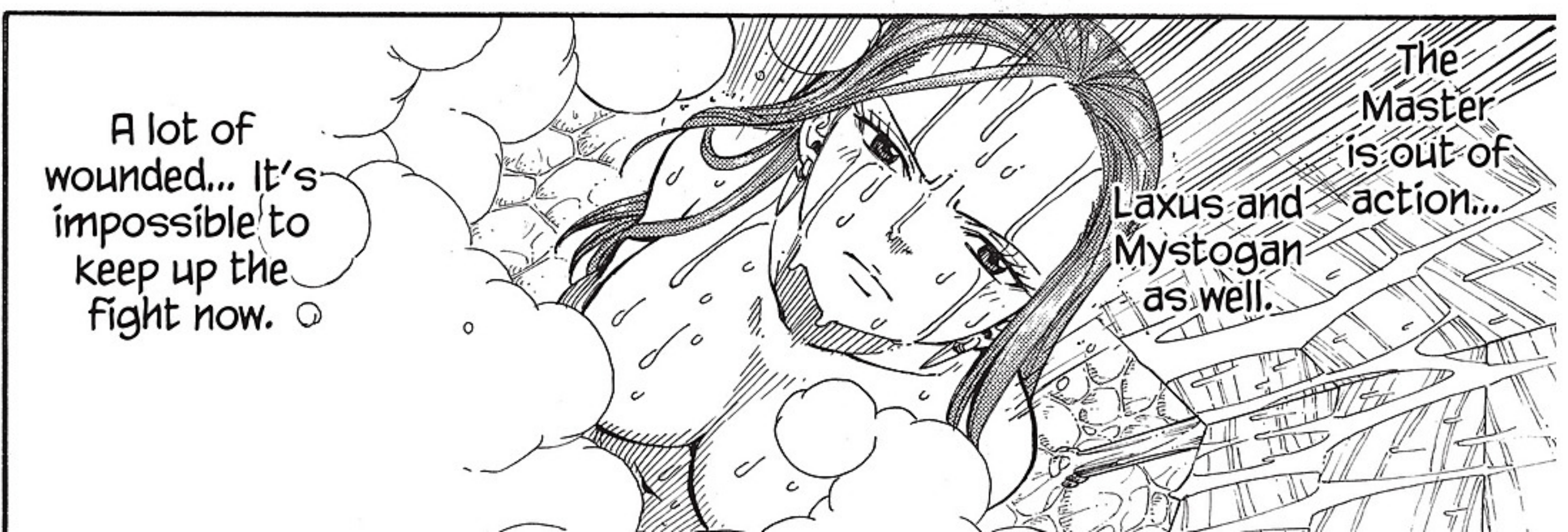
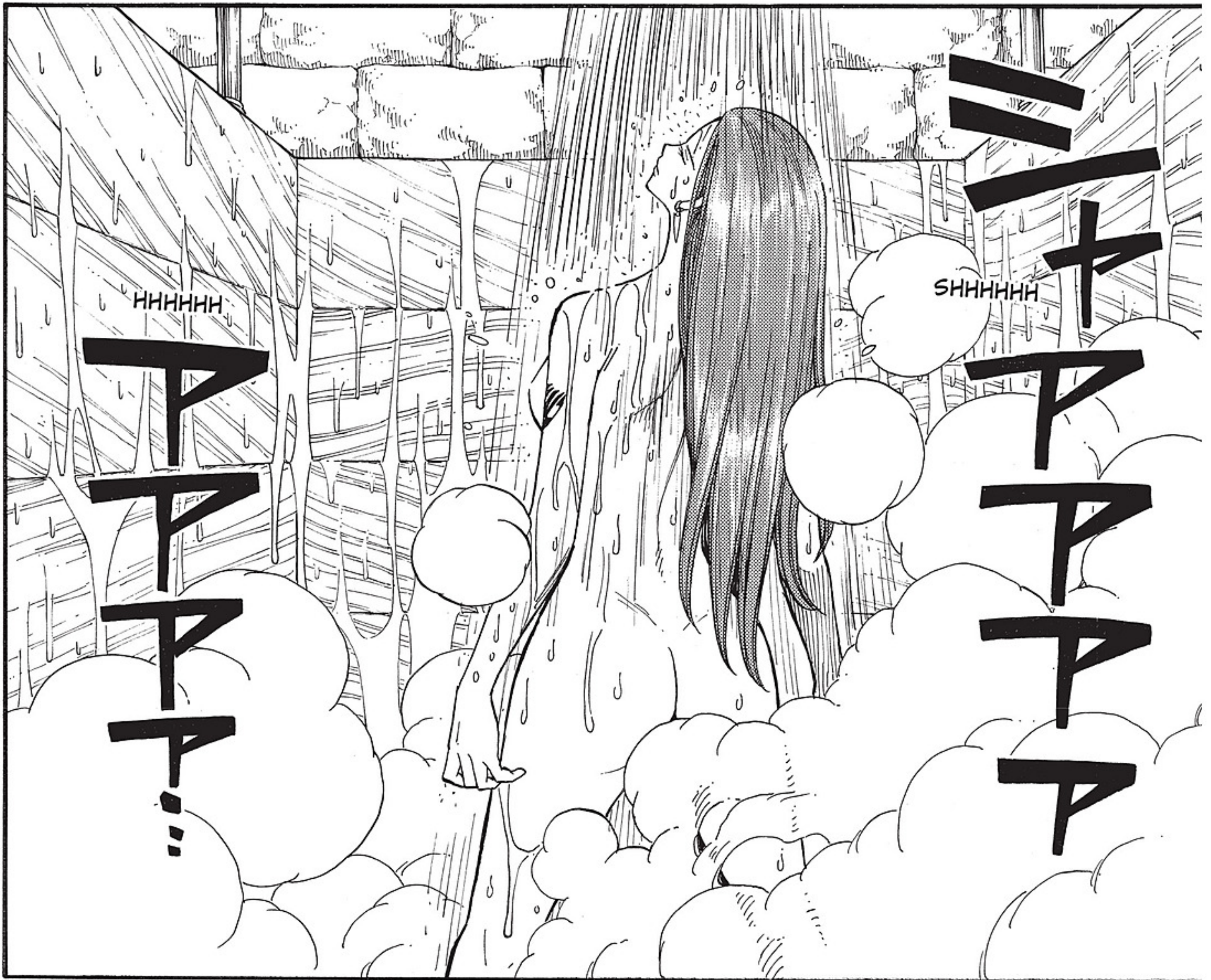
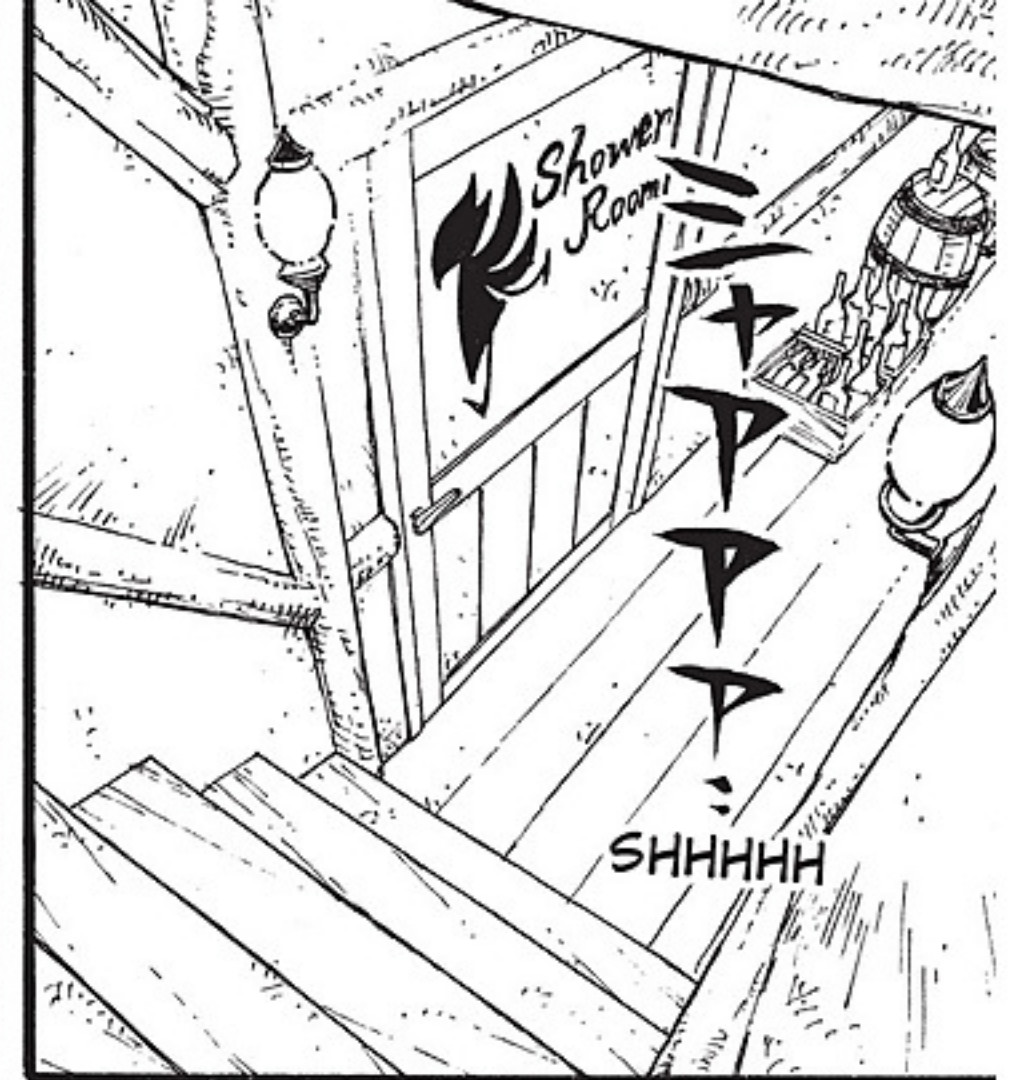
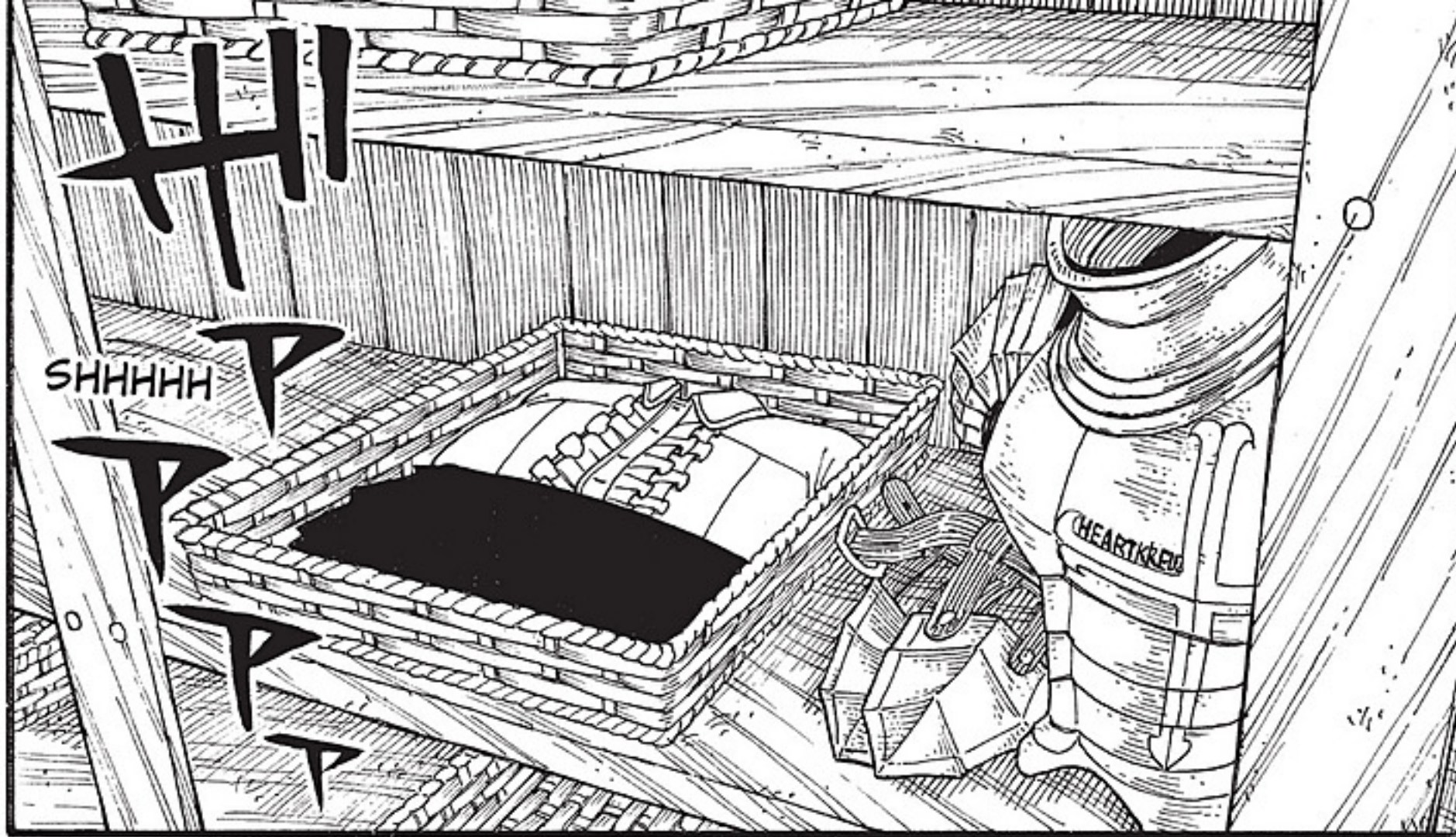
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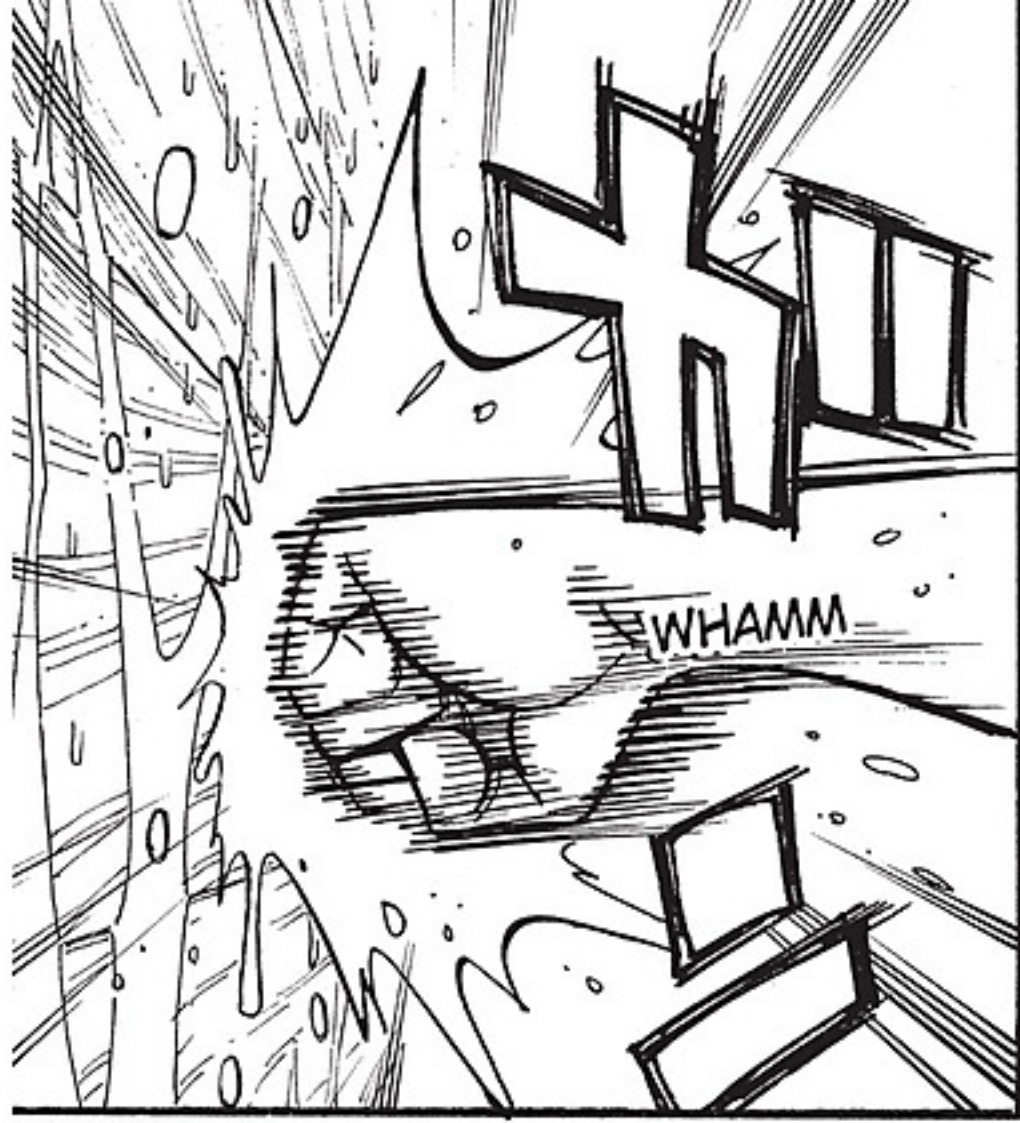
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Watch it!! Is that how you nicely ask a guy to do a favor for you?! The least you can do is strip for me!!! I'm easy when it comes to sexy—



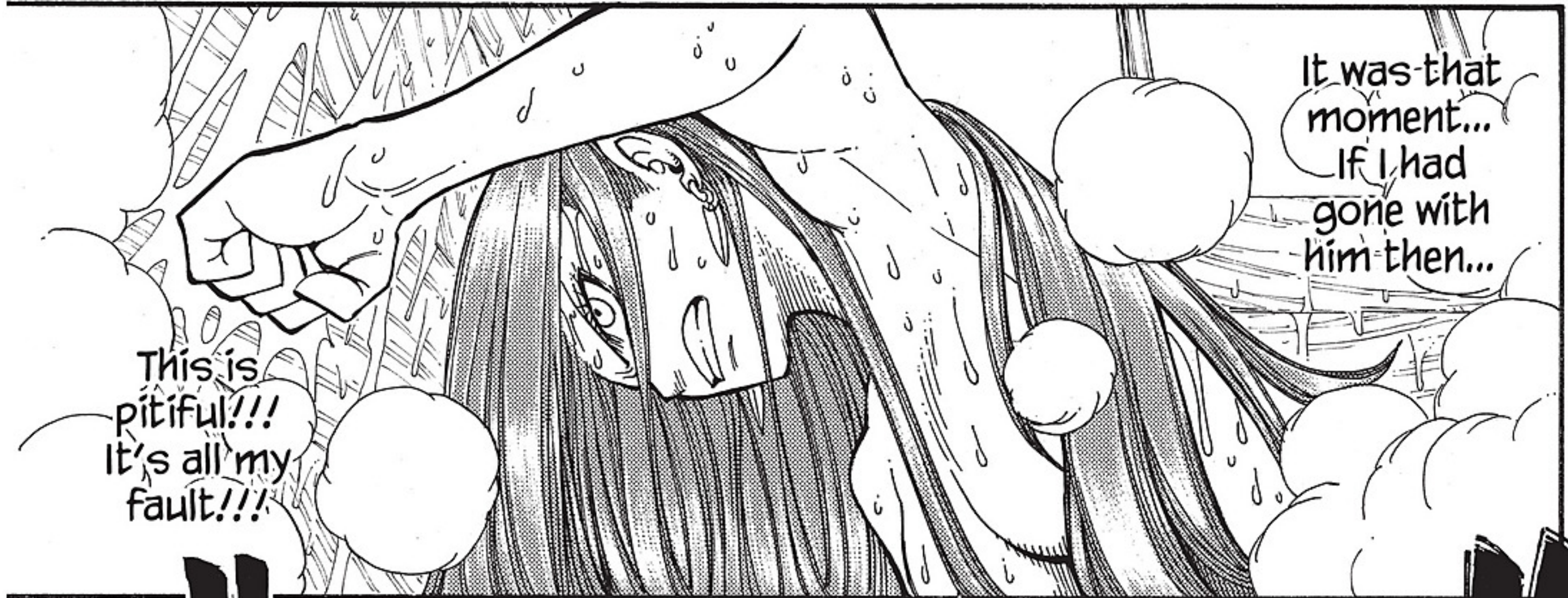
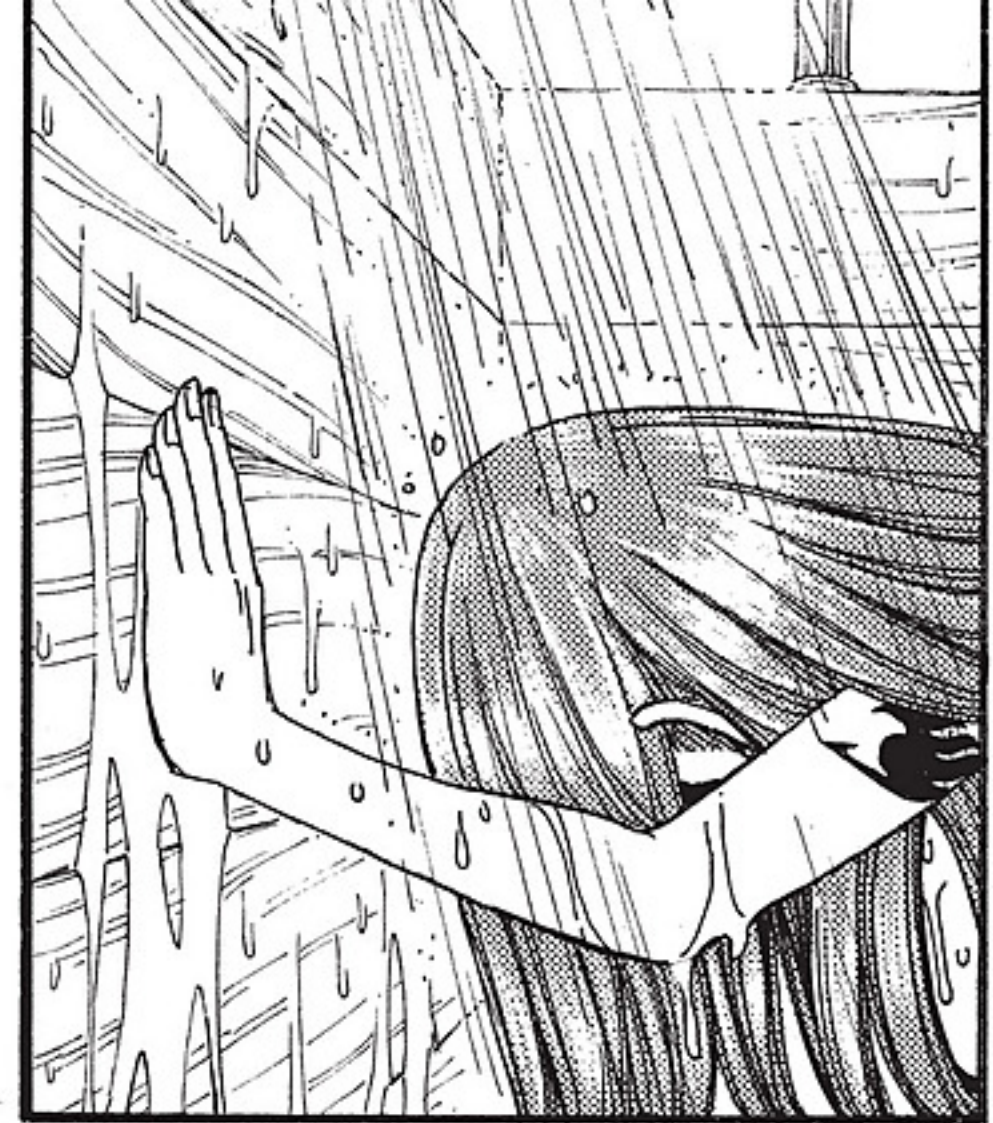






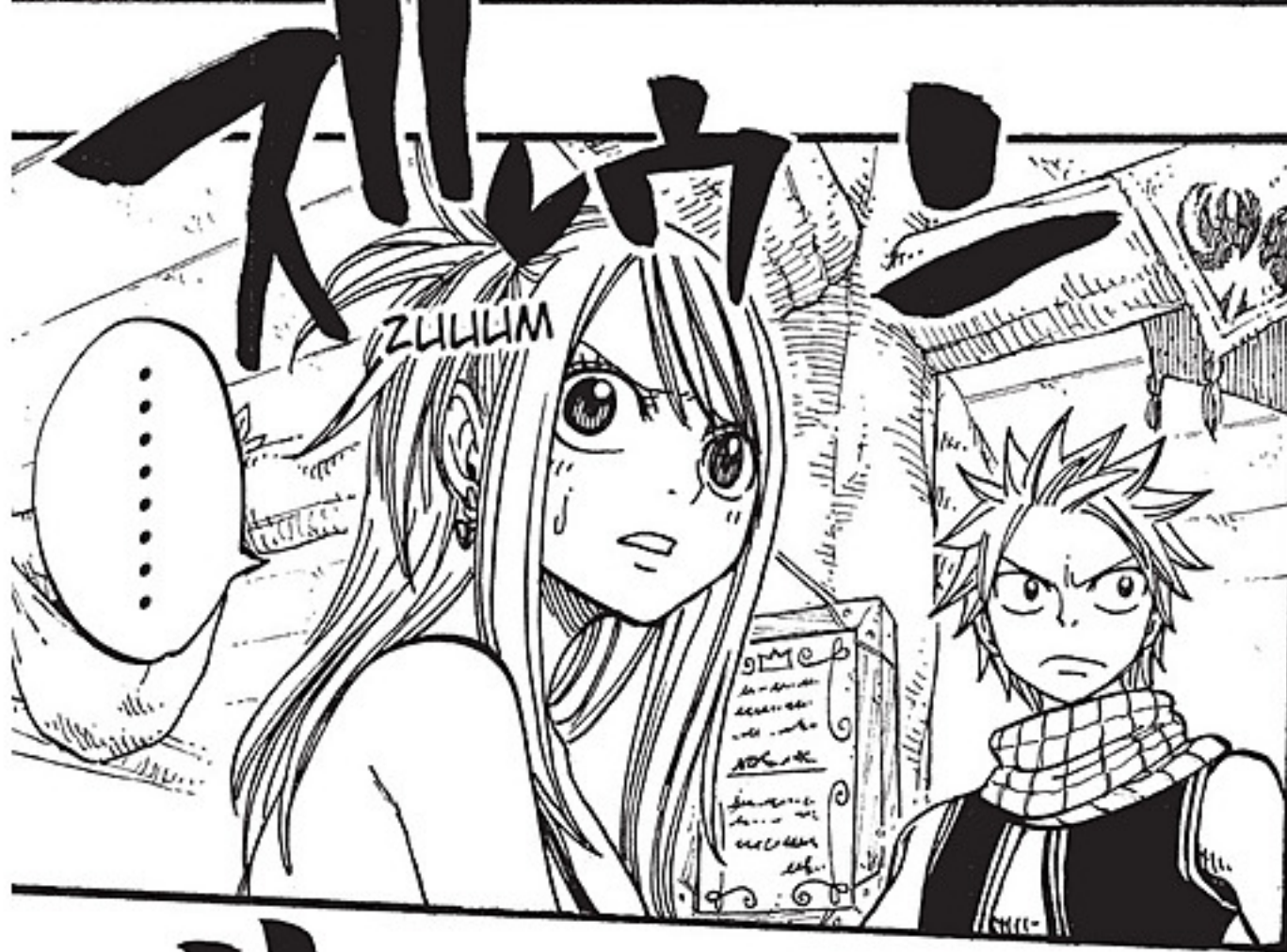
I'm going up
to see if he's
breathing! And
if he is, I'll put
a stop to it!!!

I suspect
that Jose
is on the
top floor!

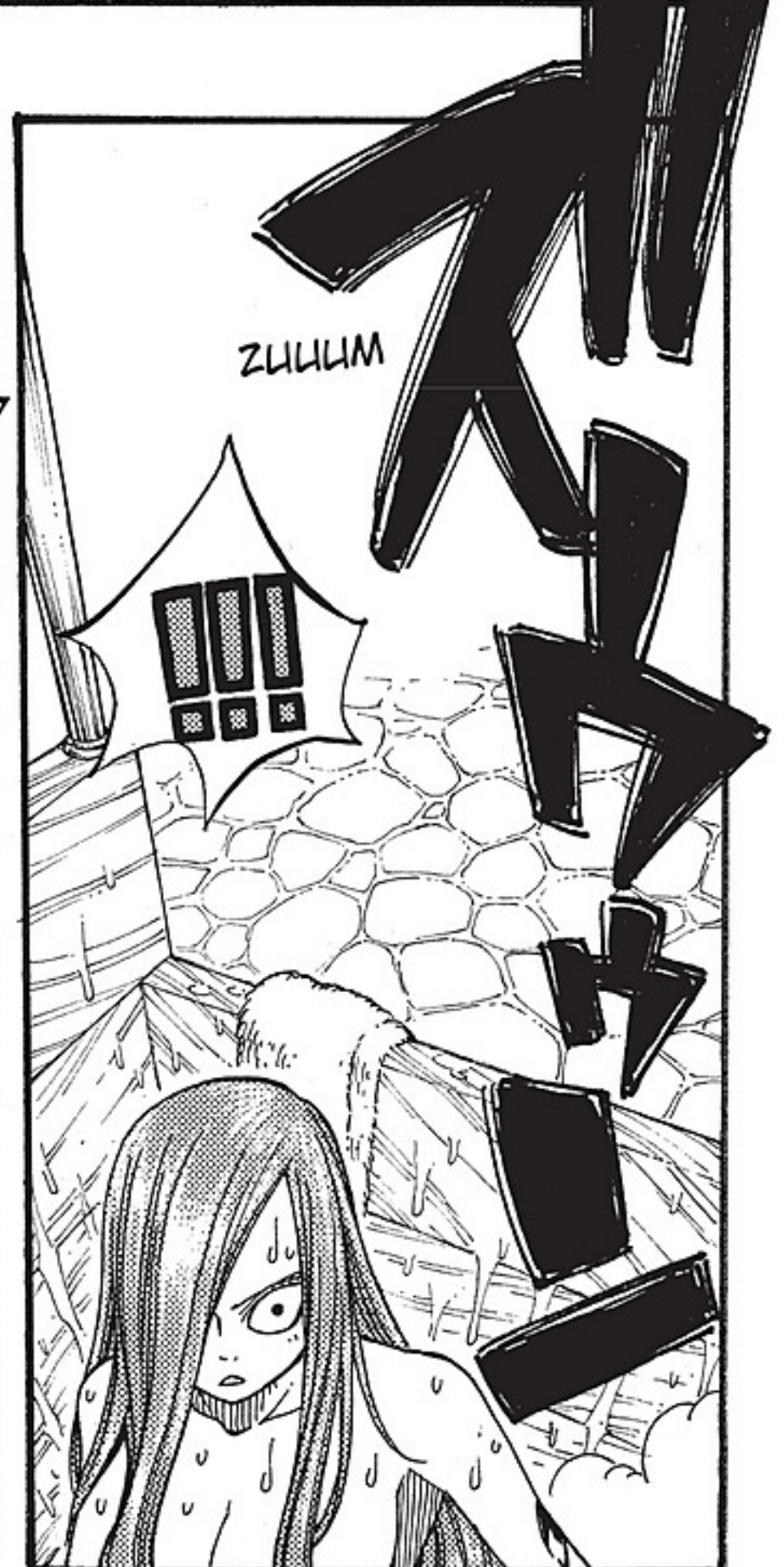


This is
pitiful!!!
It's all my
fault!!!

It was that
moment...
If I had
gone with
him then...

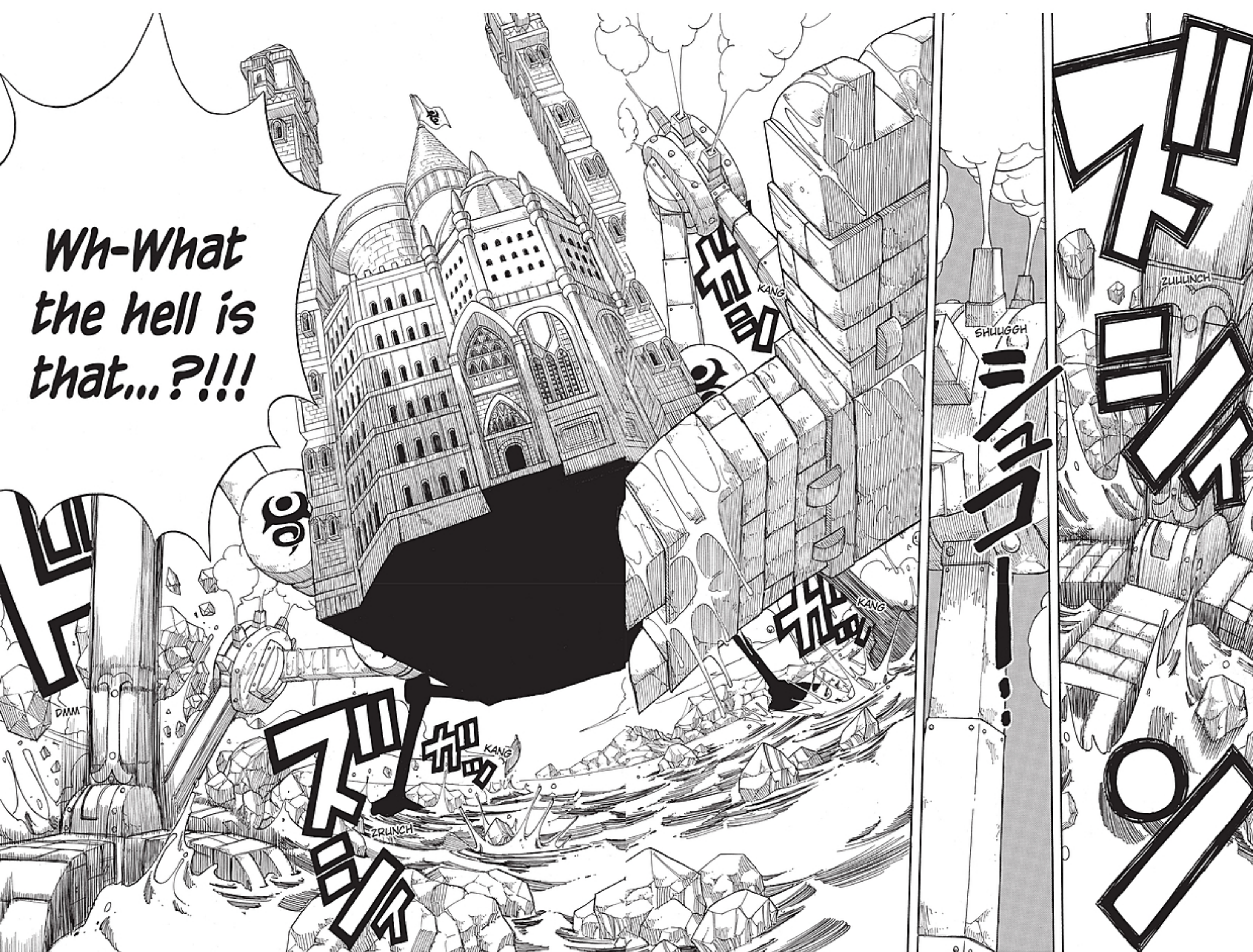


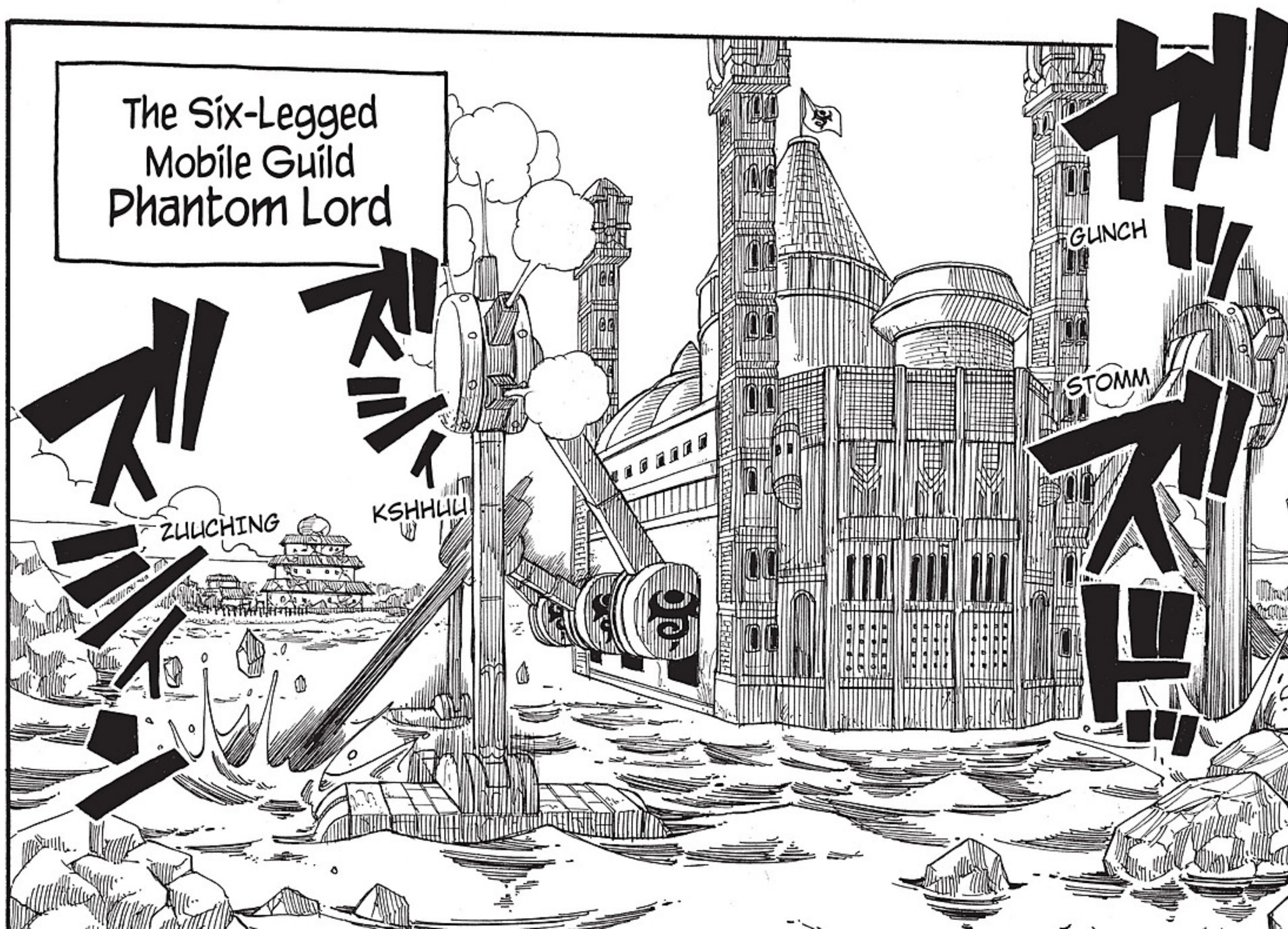
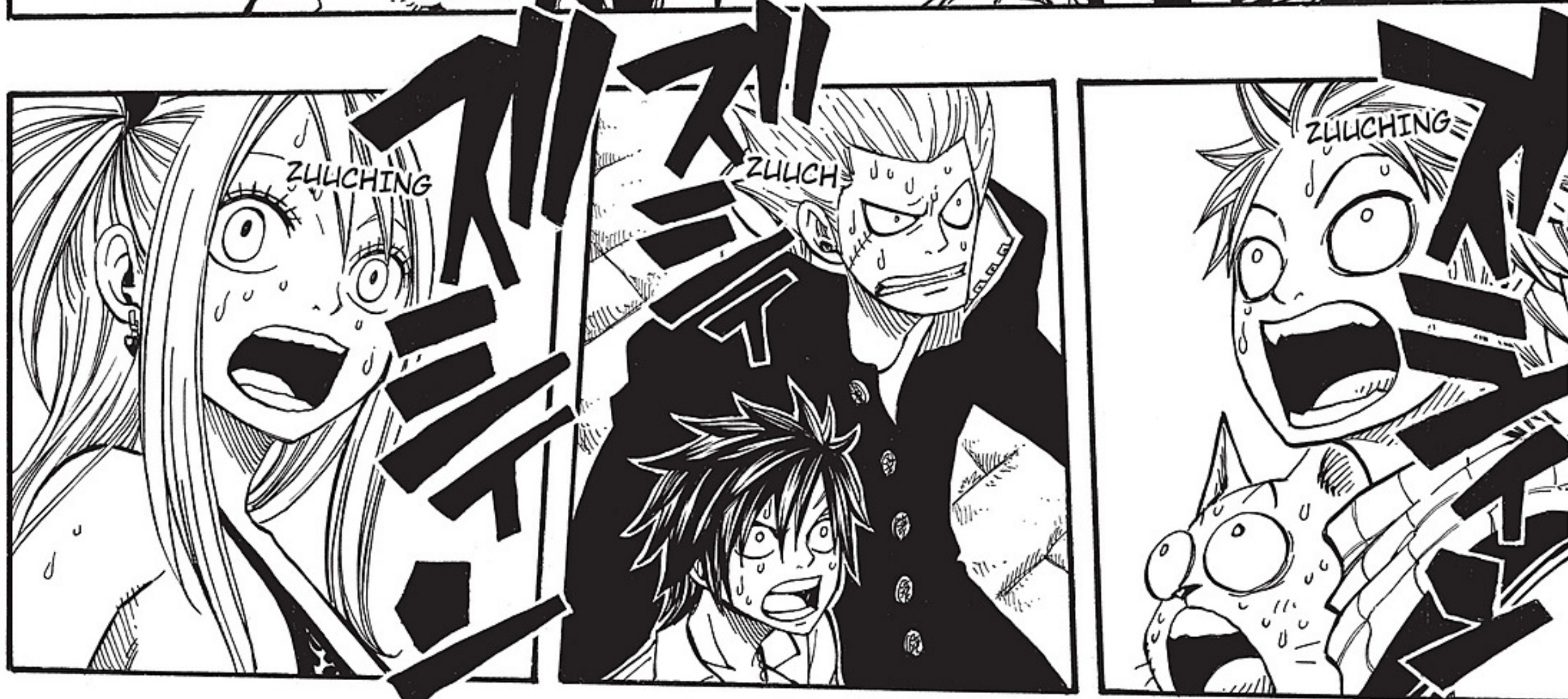
What's
that?!

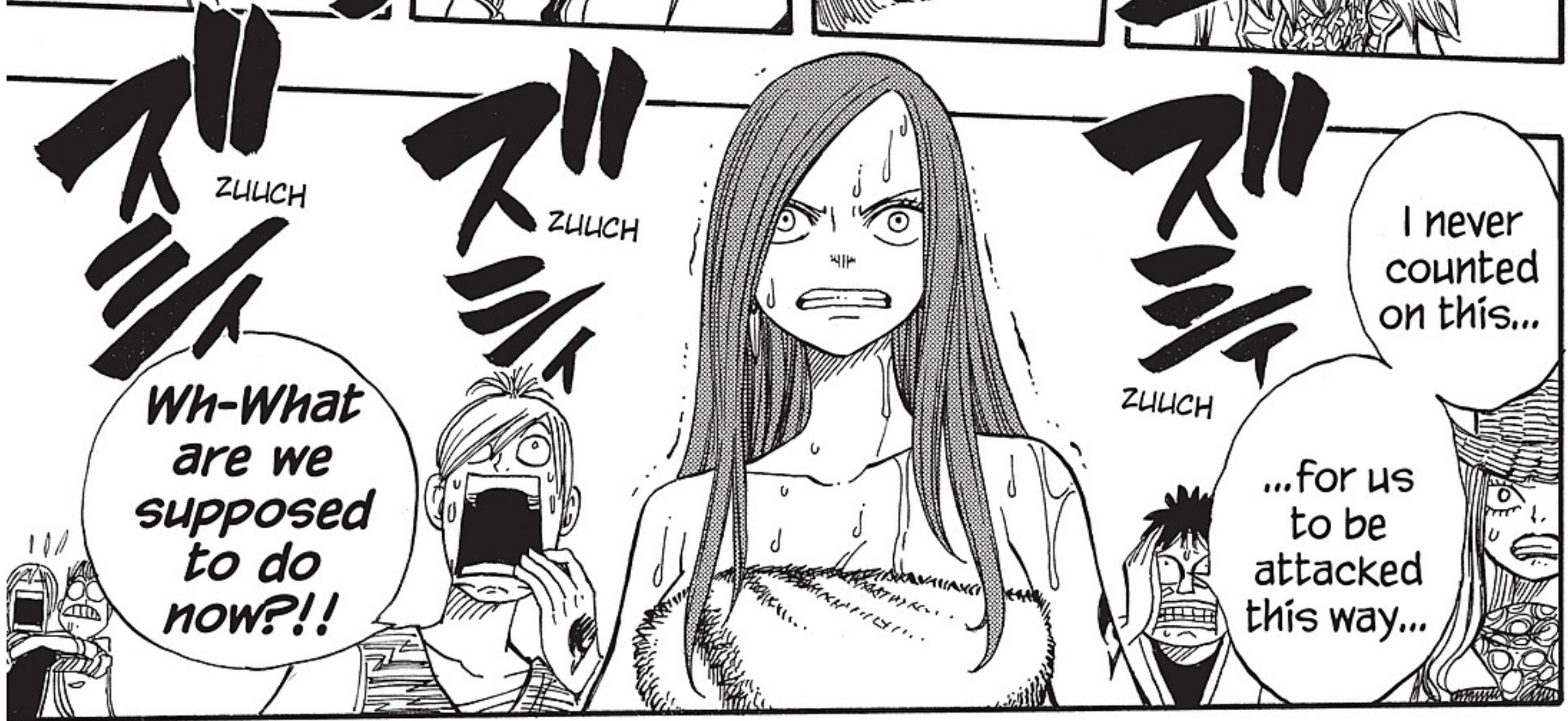
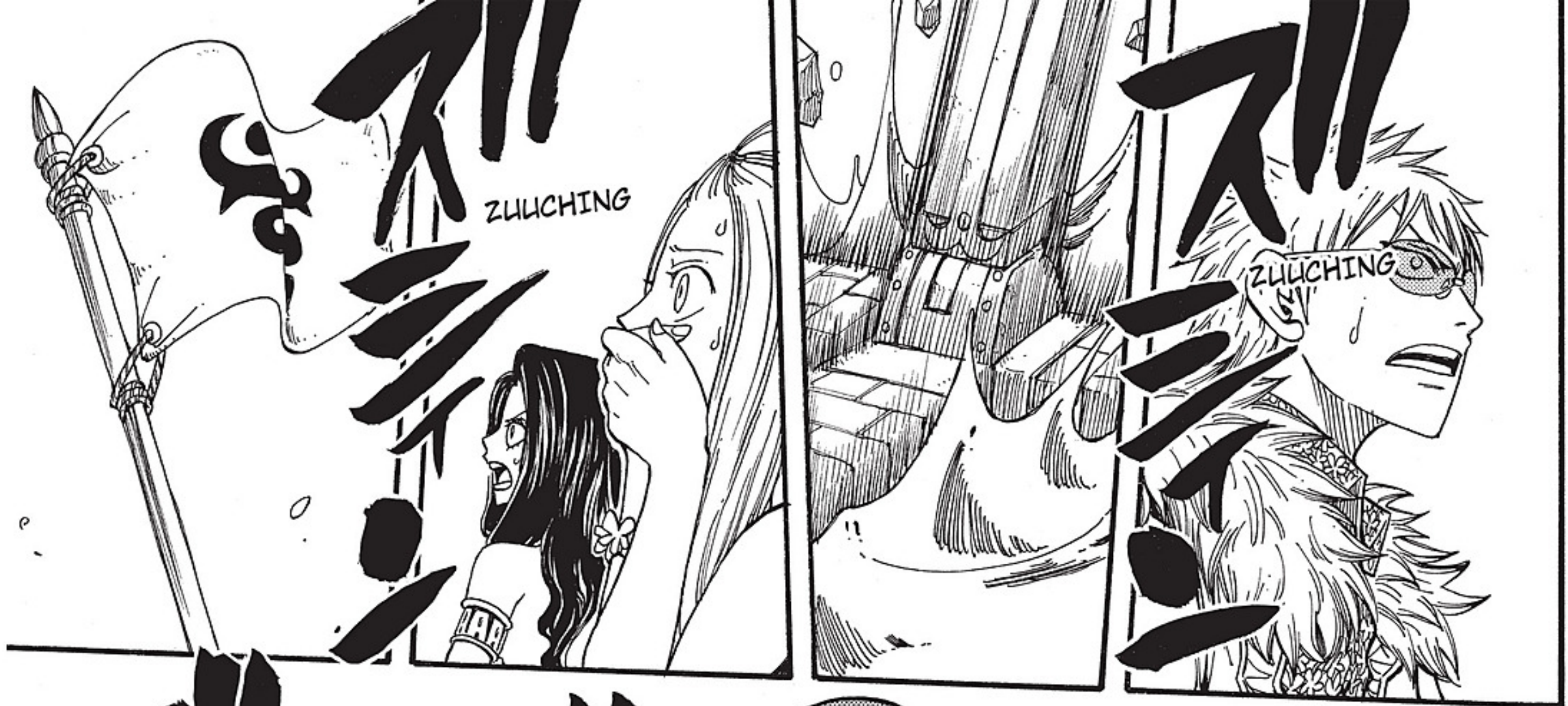


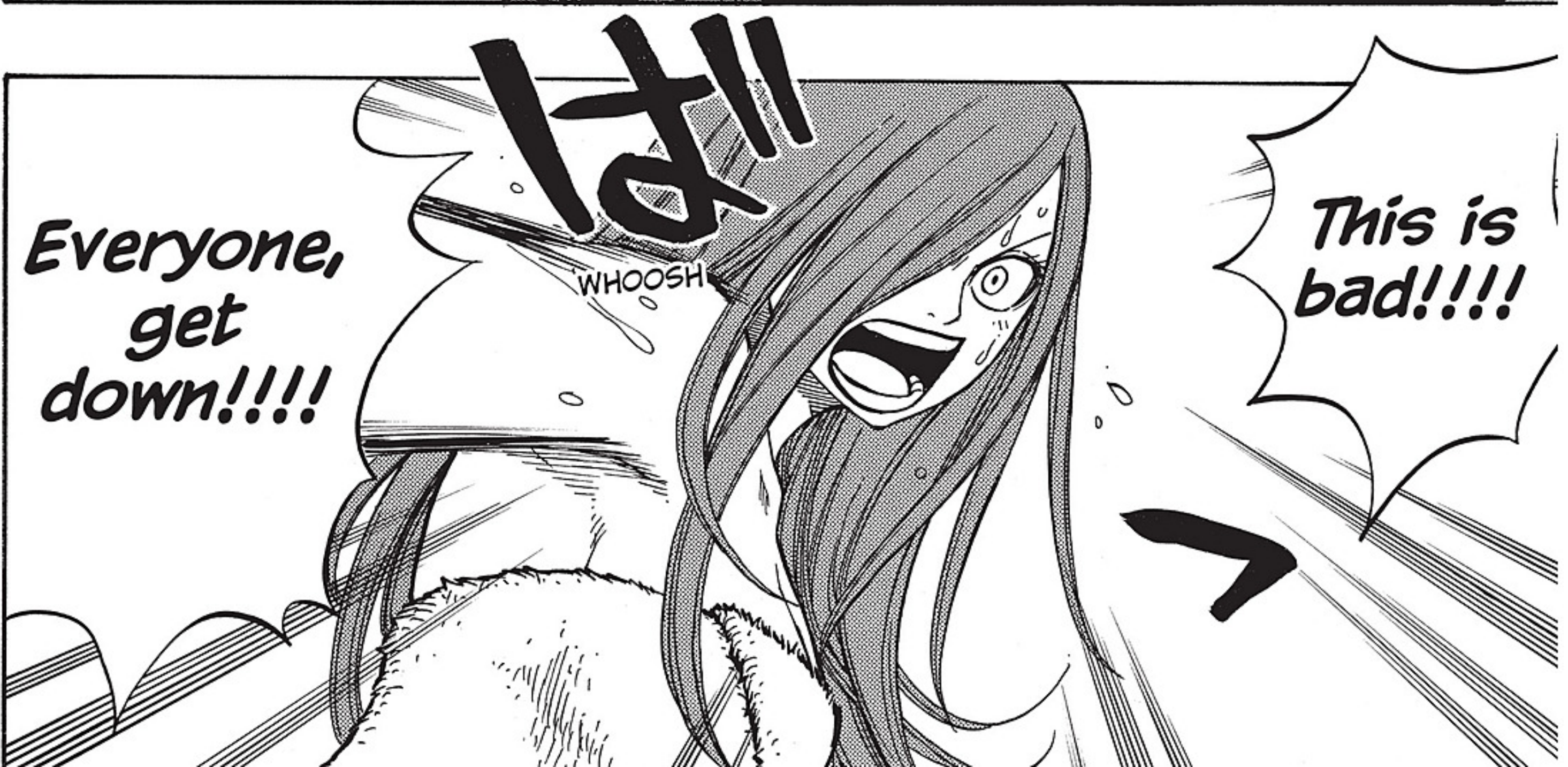
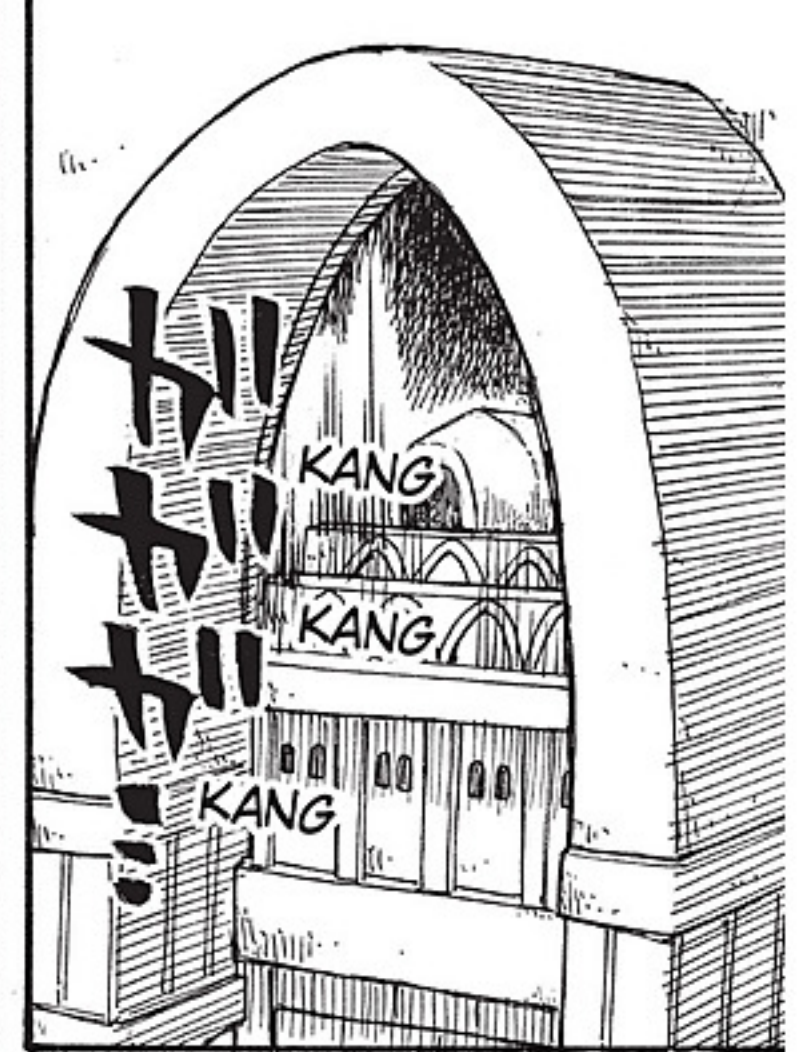
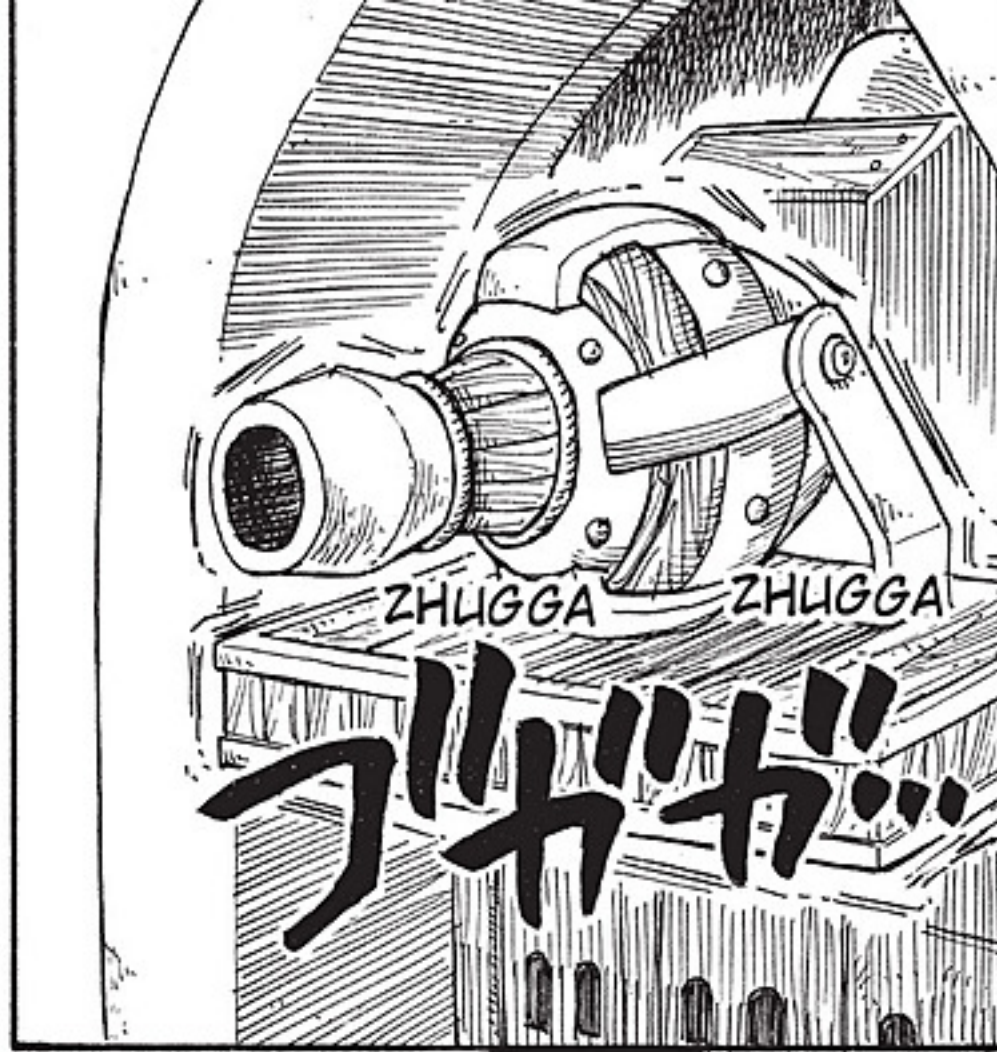
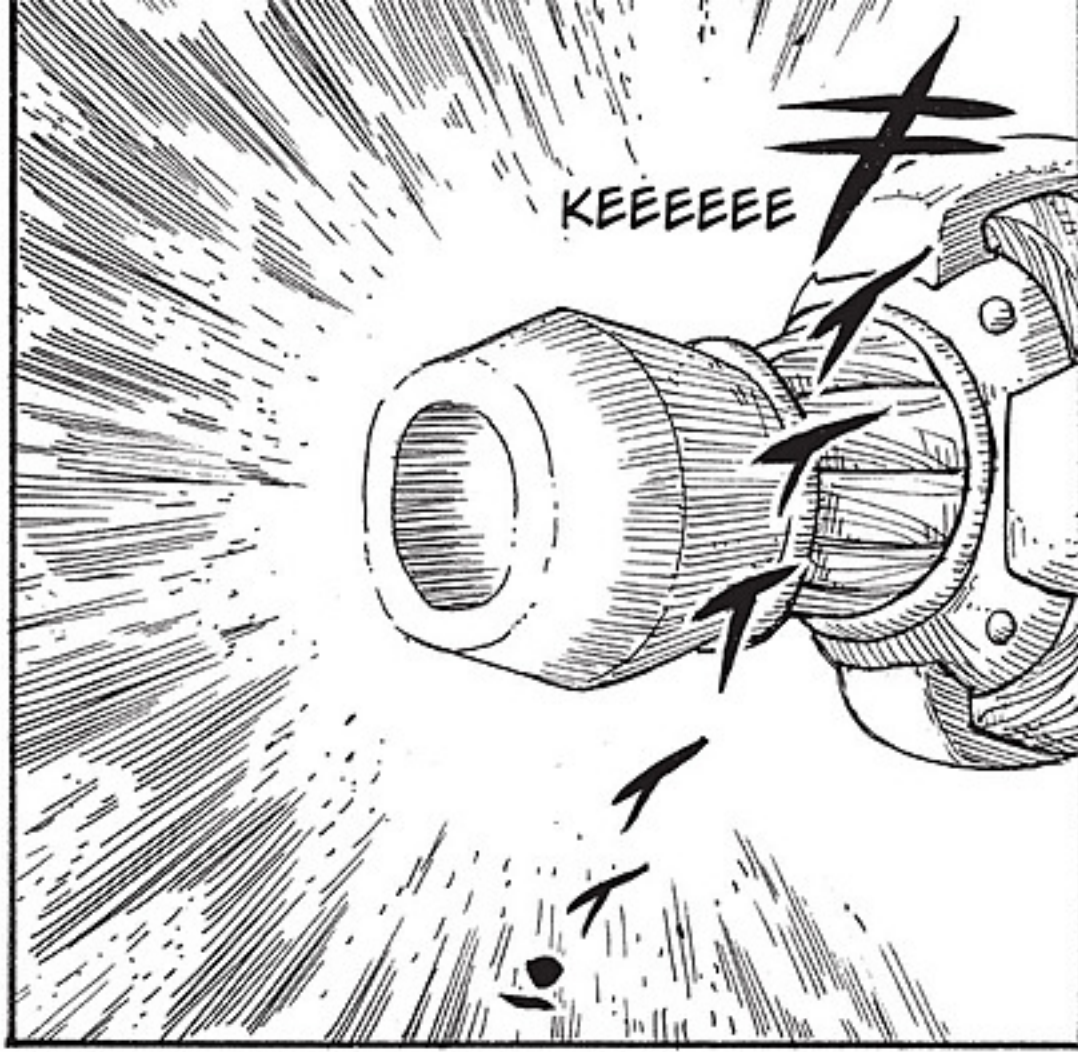
Look
out-
side!!!!

Wh-What
the hell is
that...?!!!



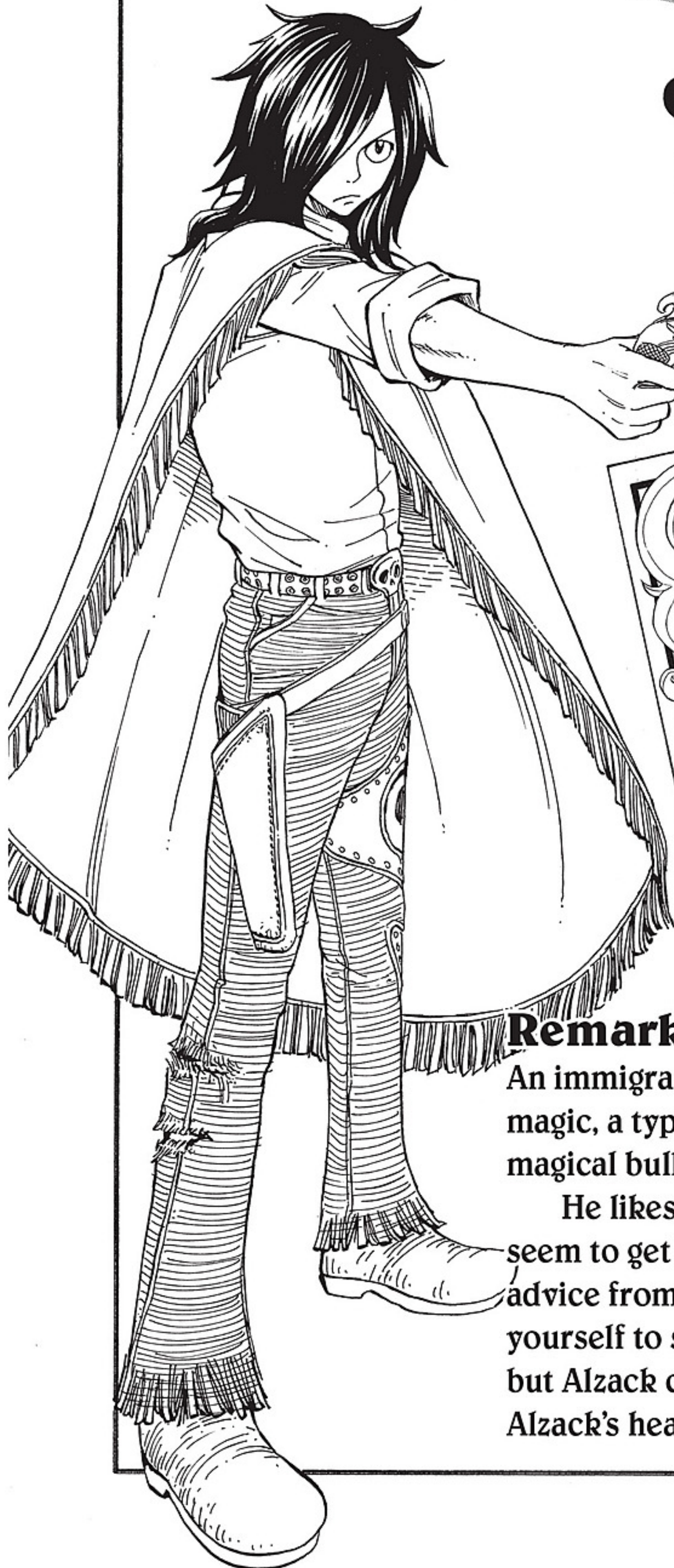






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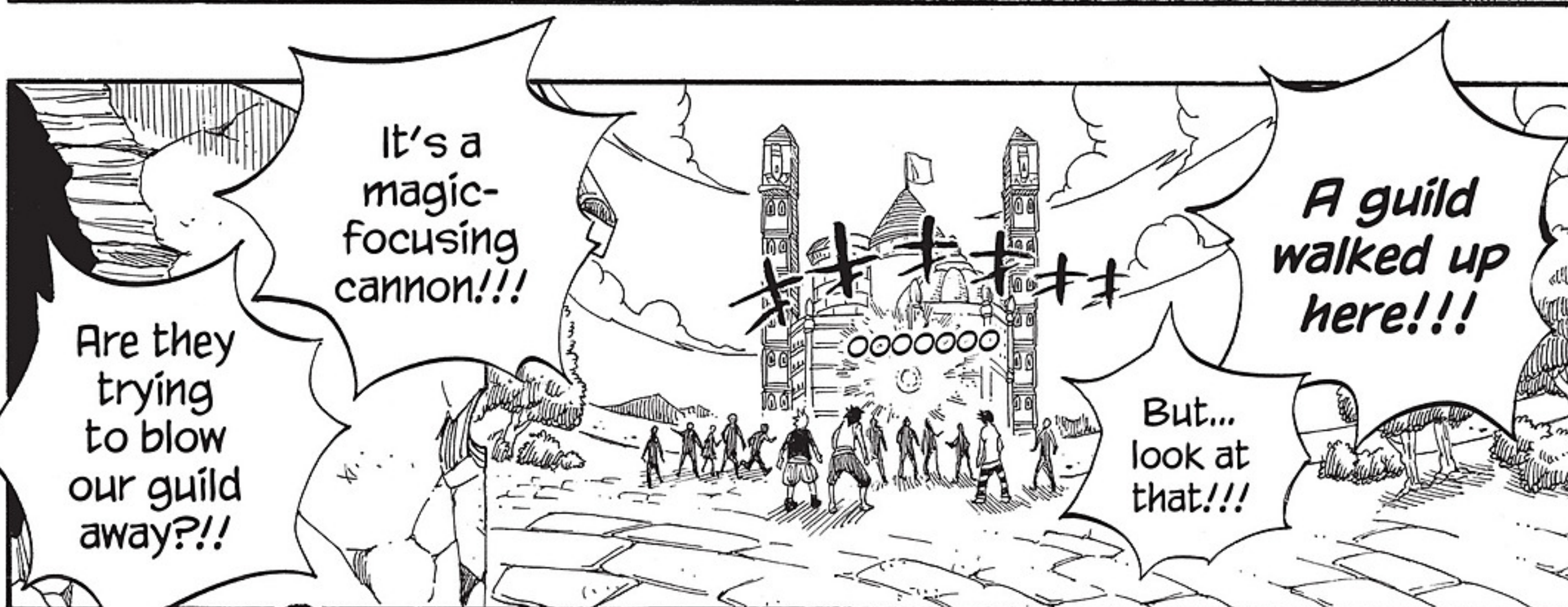
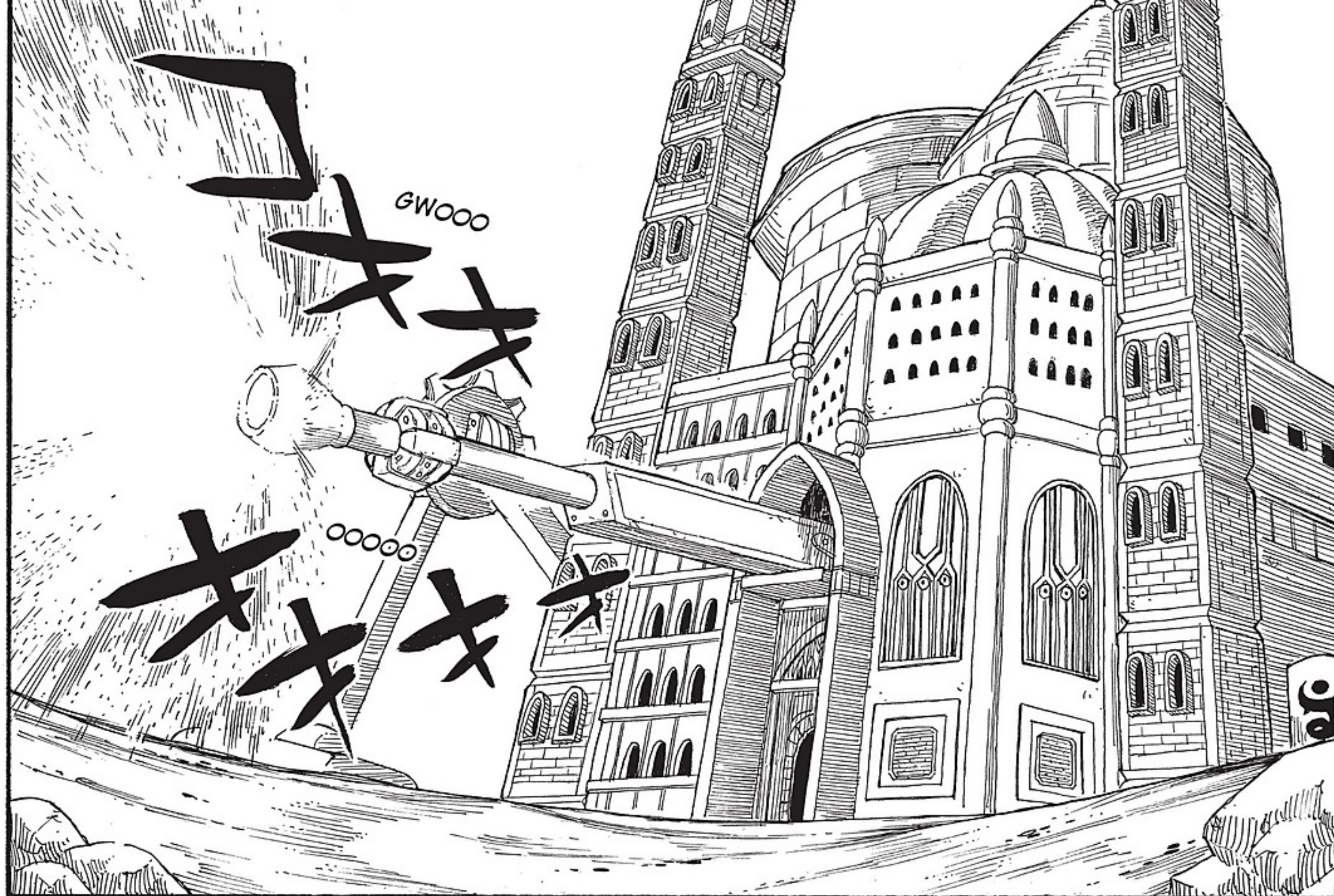
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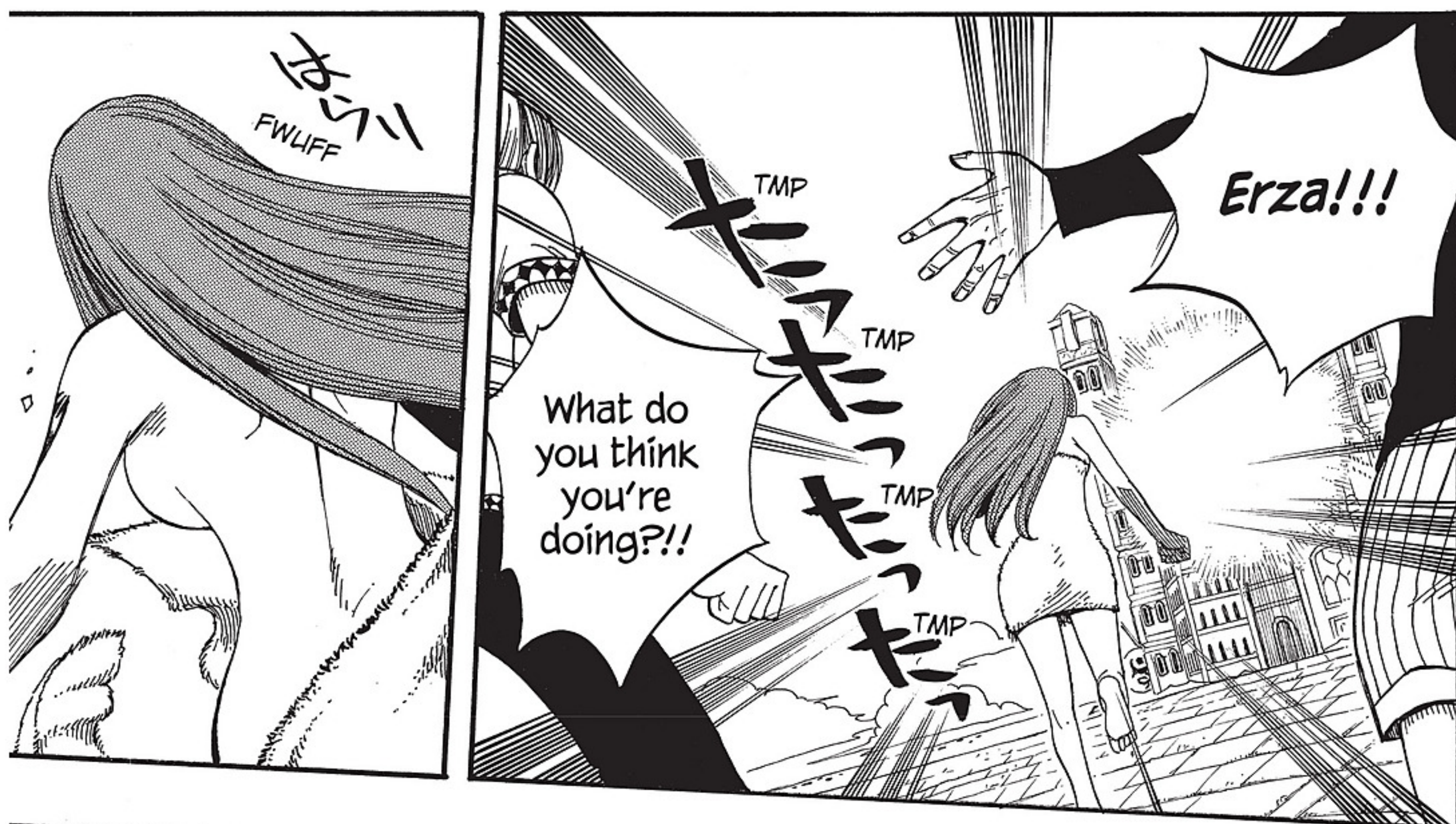
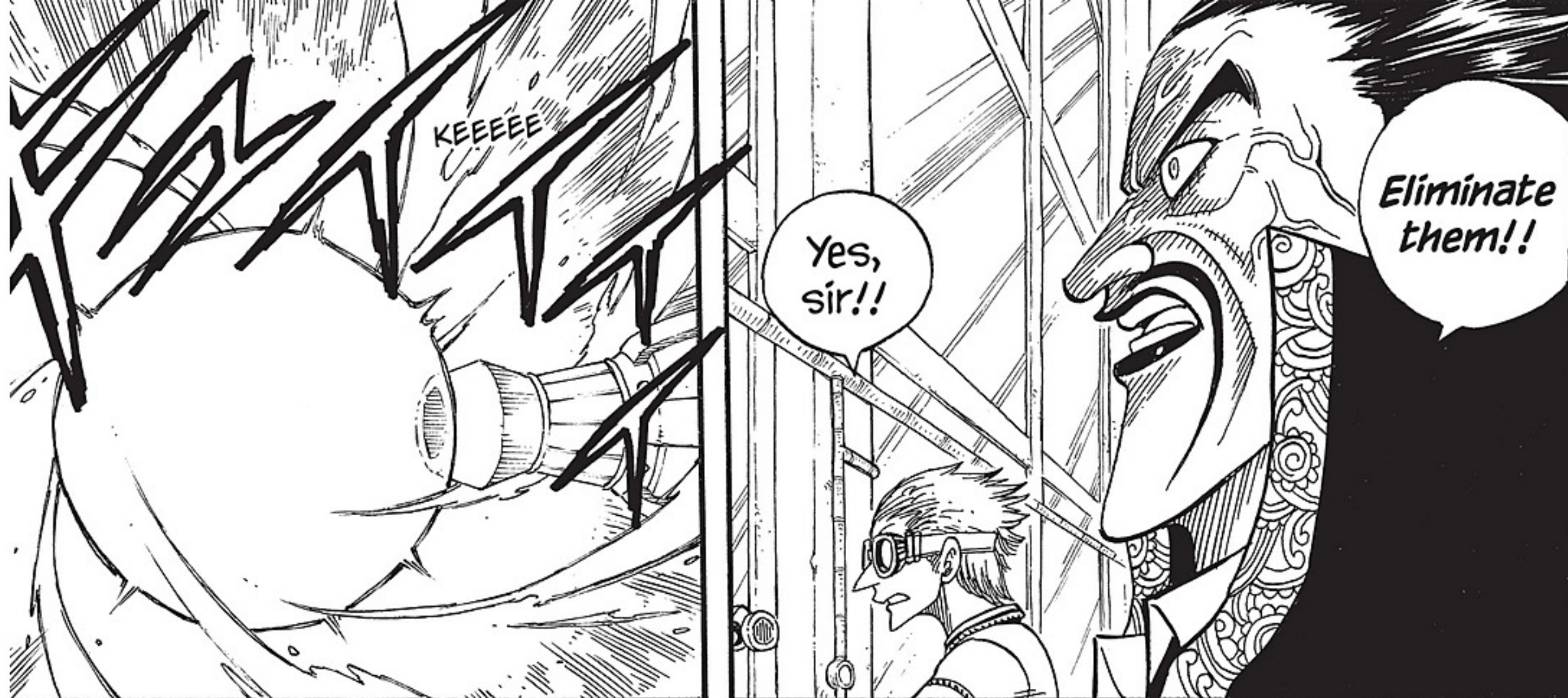


Remarks

An immigrant from the Western Continent, he uses gun magic, a type of magic where his guns are loaded with magical bullets.

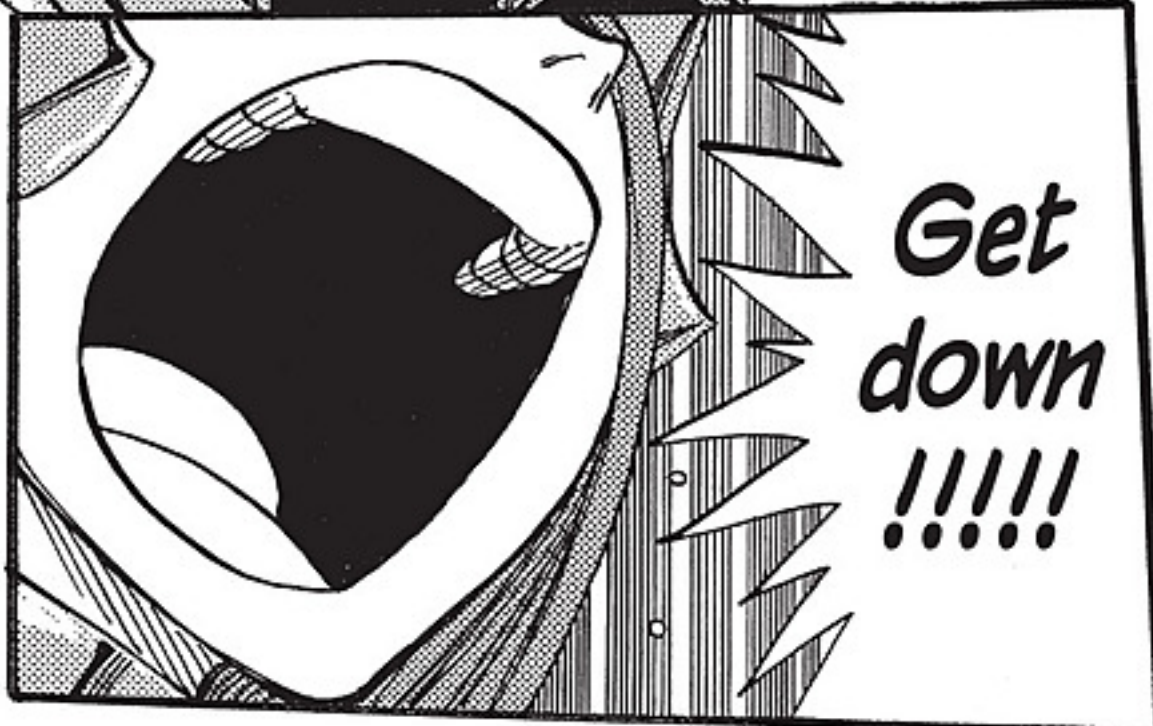
He likes Bisca, a girl at Fairy Tail, but he can't seem to get his feelings across to her. He tried getting advice from Loke, but he was told, "If you can't bring yourself to say it, I'll take her for myself." It was a joke, but Alzack couldn't recognize the humor. Even now, Alzack's heart burns to know that he has a rival in love.







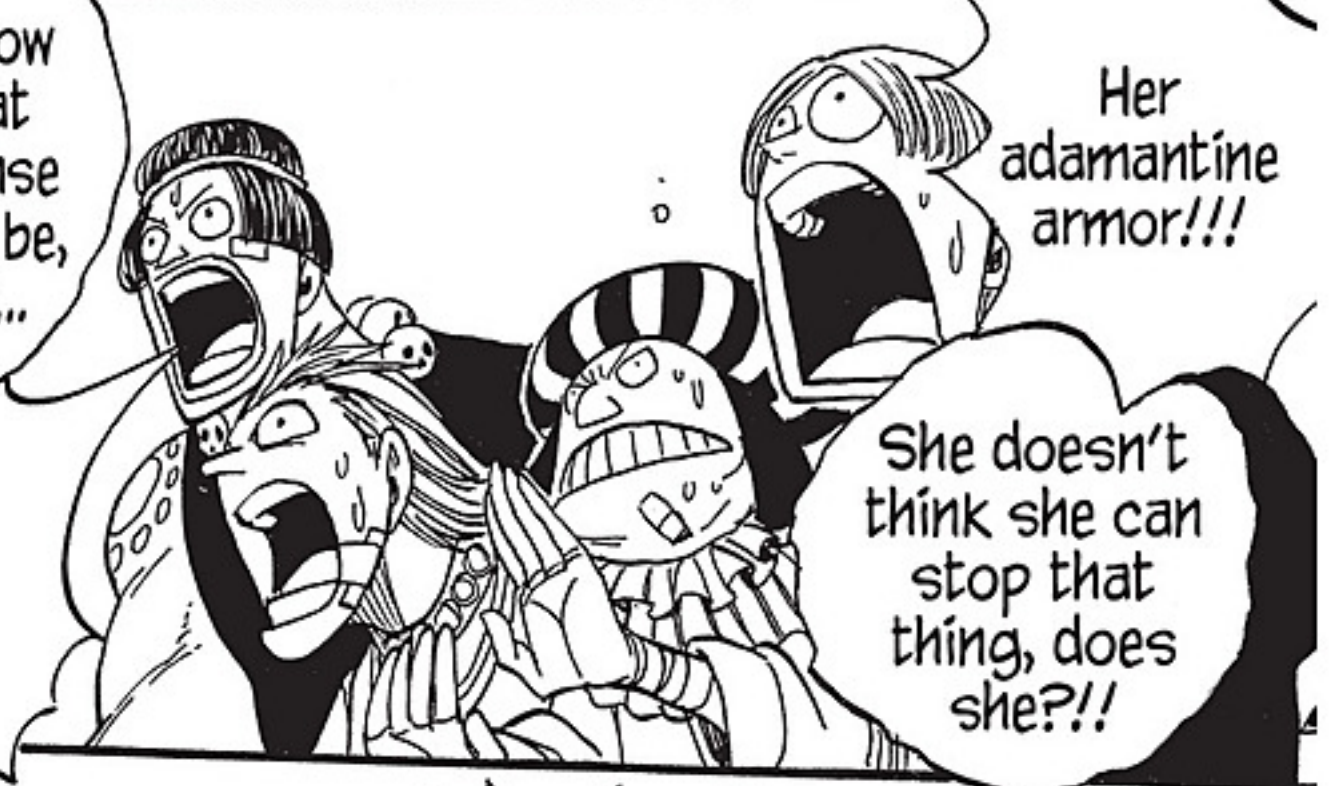
*You
will not
harm our
guild!!!!*



*Get
down
!!!!*

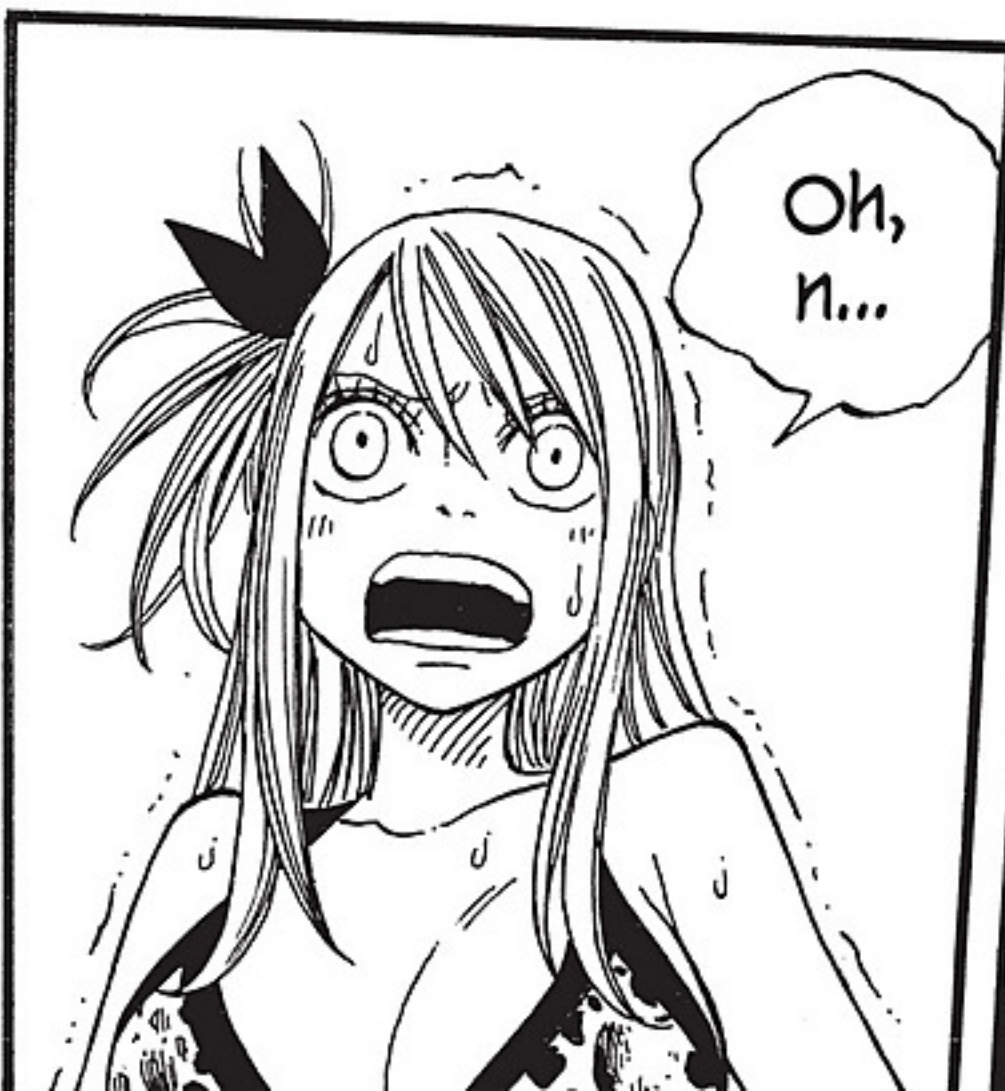
I don't care how
high-level that
armor's defense
is suppose to be,
against that...

Don't do
it, Erza!!!
It'll kill
you!!!



Her
adamantine
armor!!!

She doesn't
think she can
stop that
thing, does
she?!!

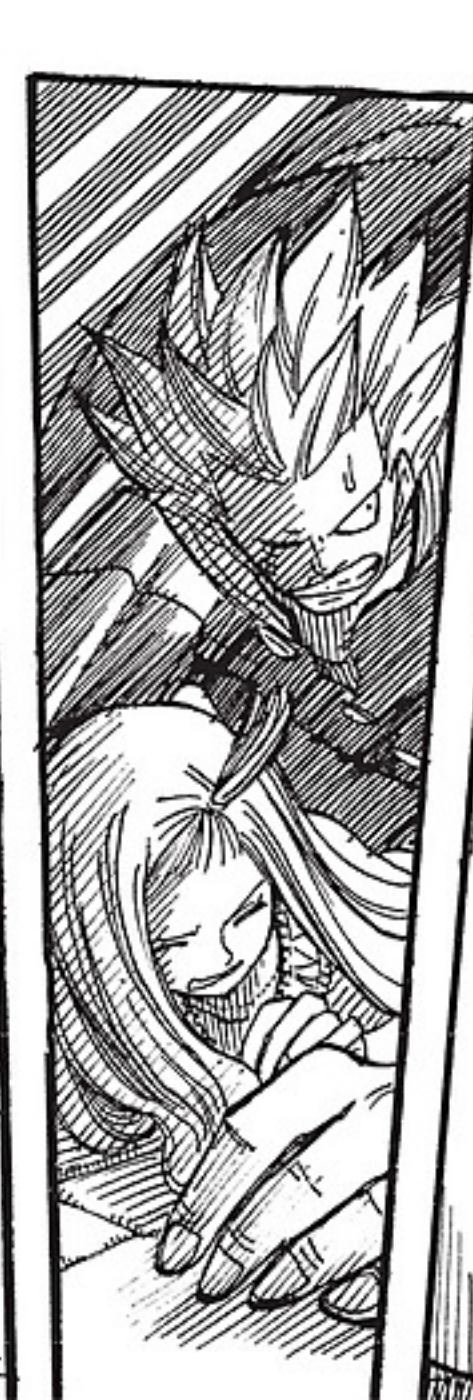
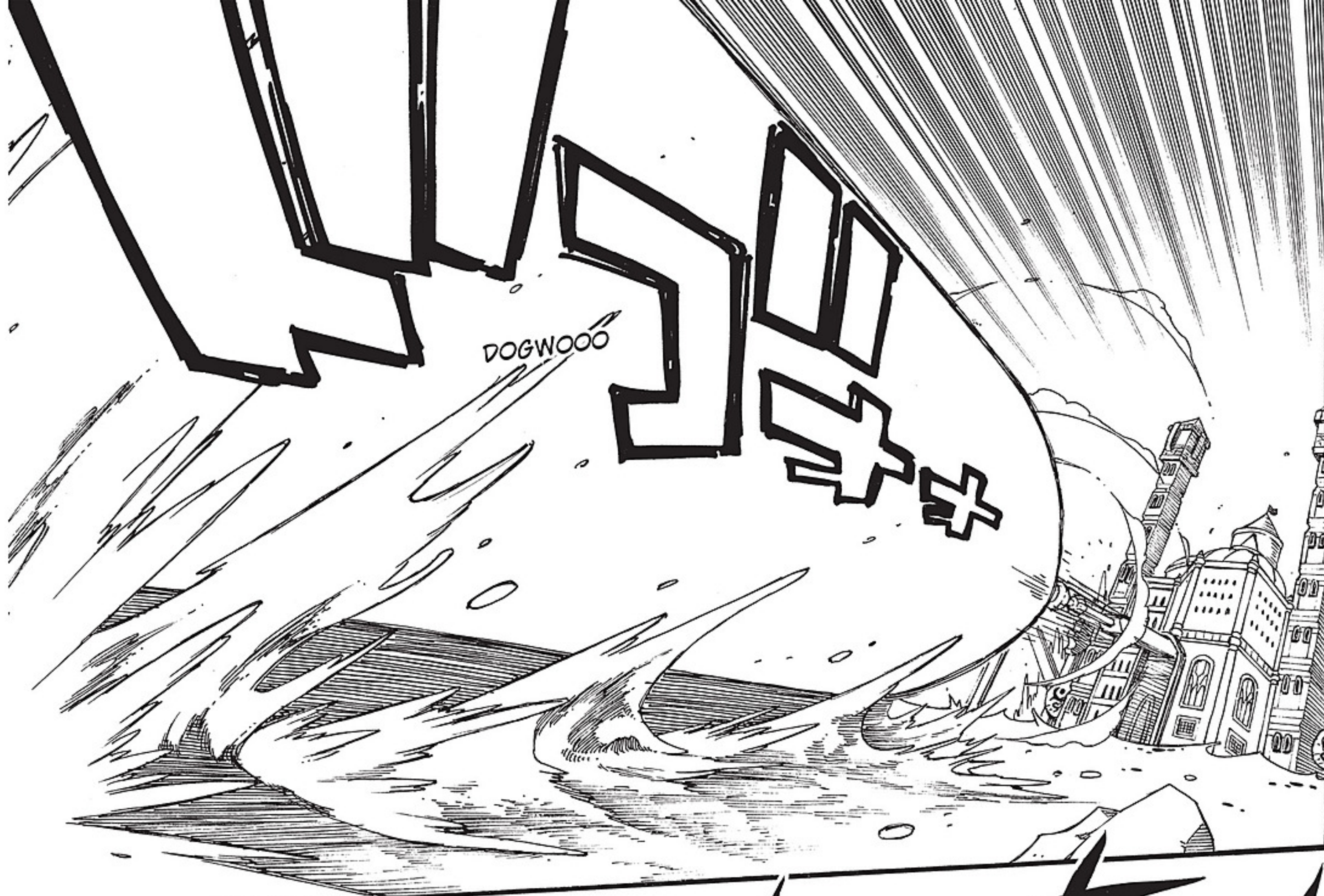


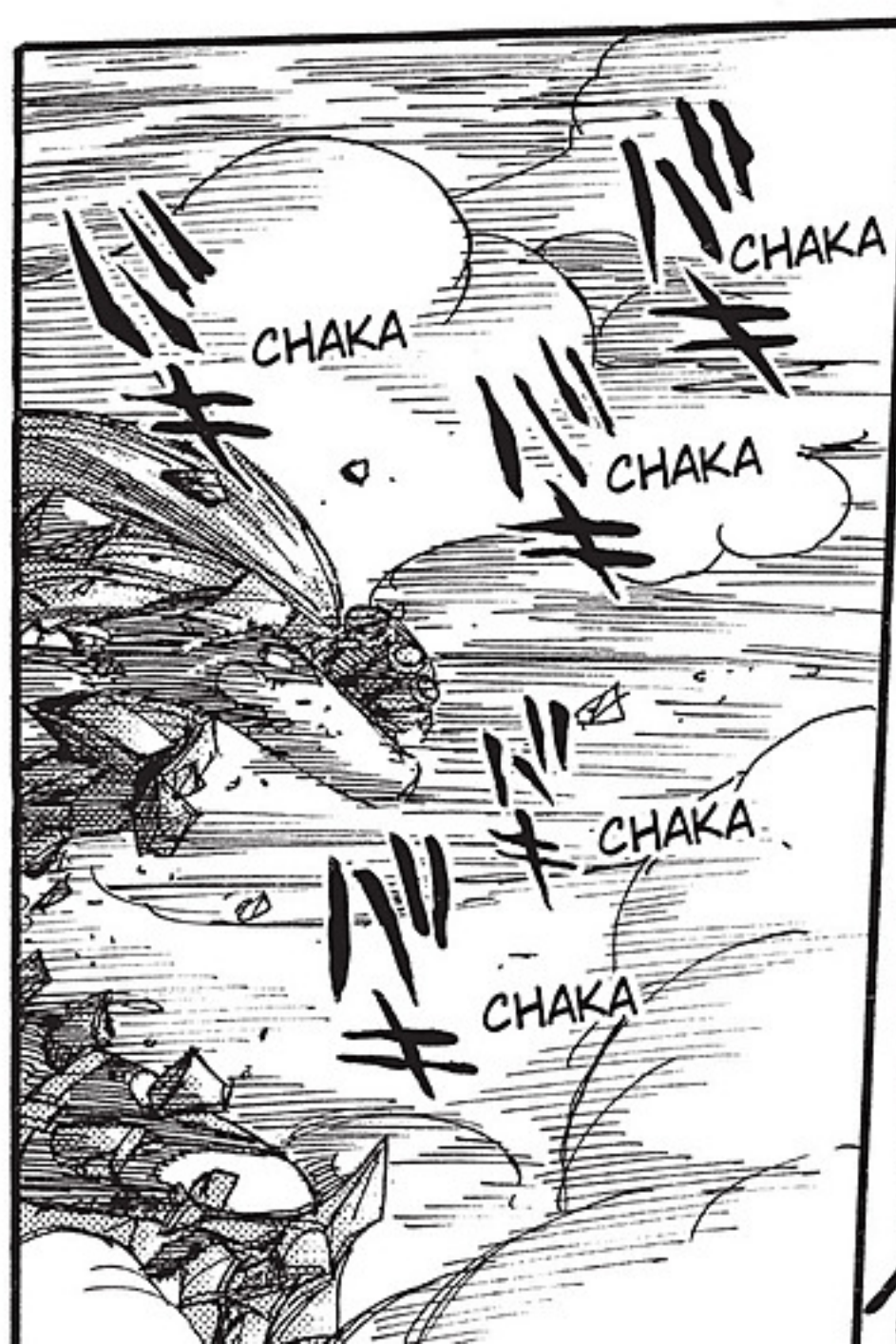
Oh,
n...



Natsu!!!
All you can
do now
is trust
Erza!!!

Erza!!!!

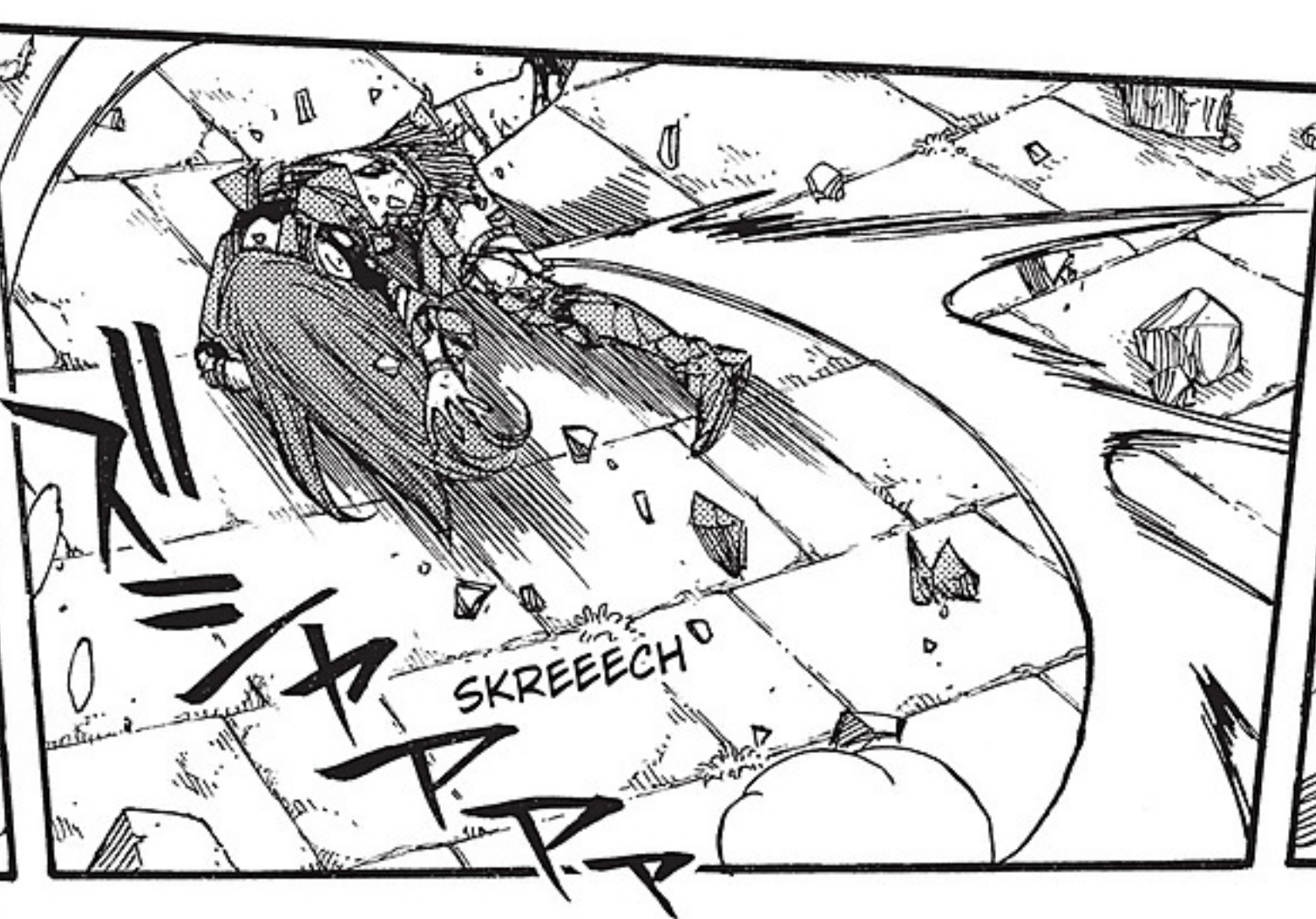
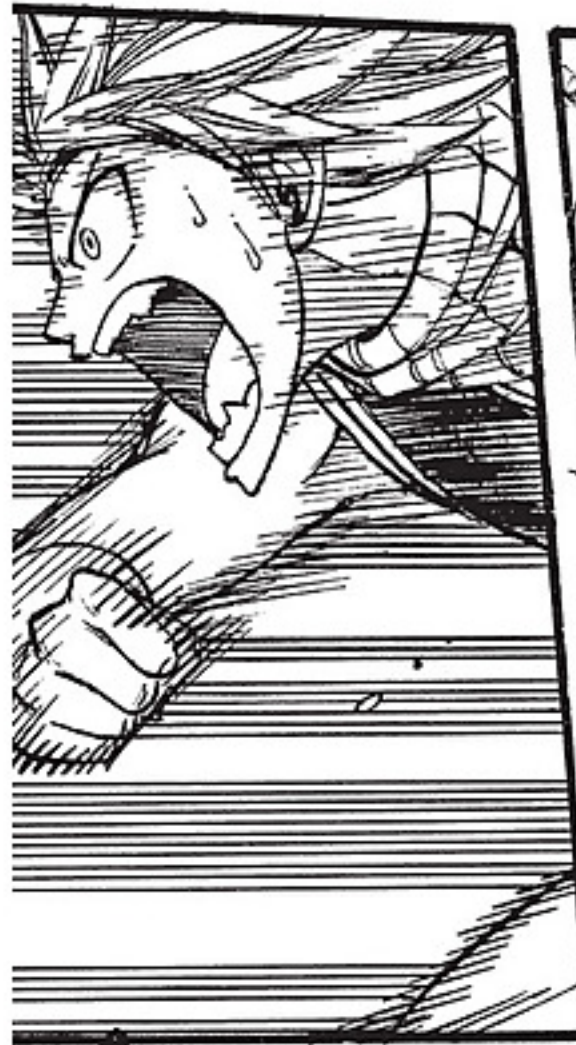
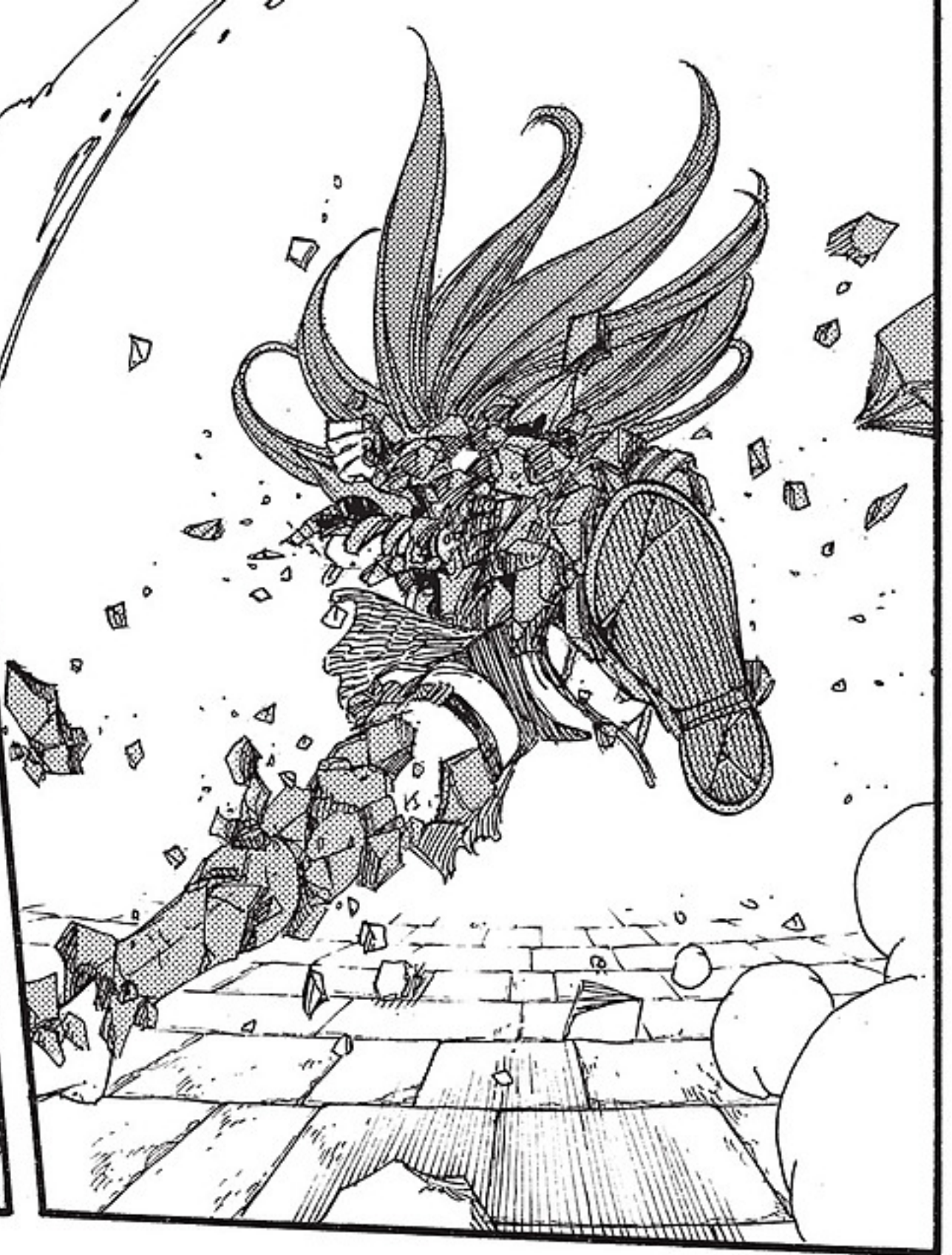
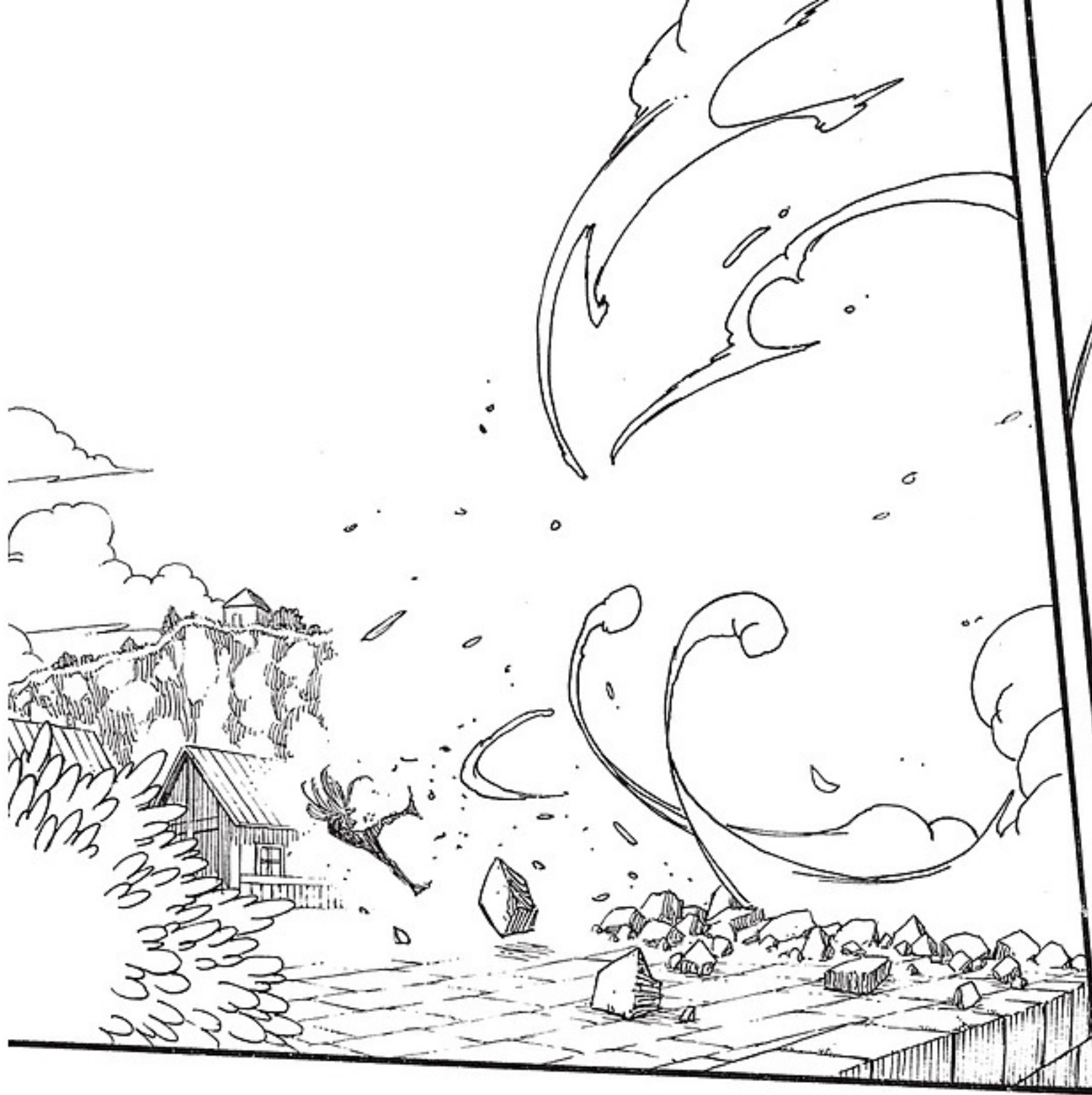


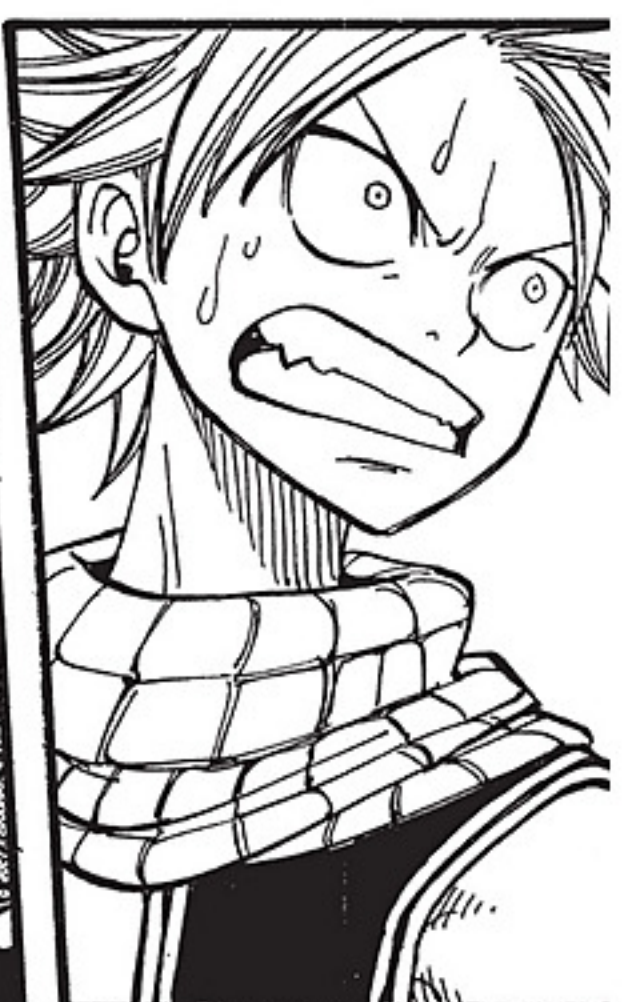
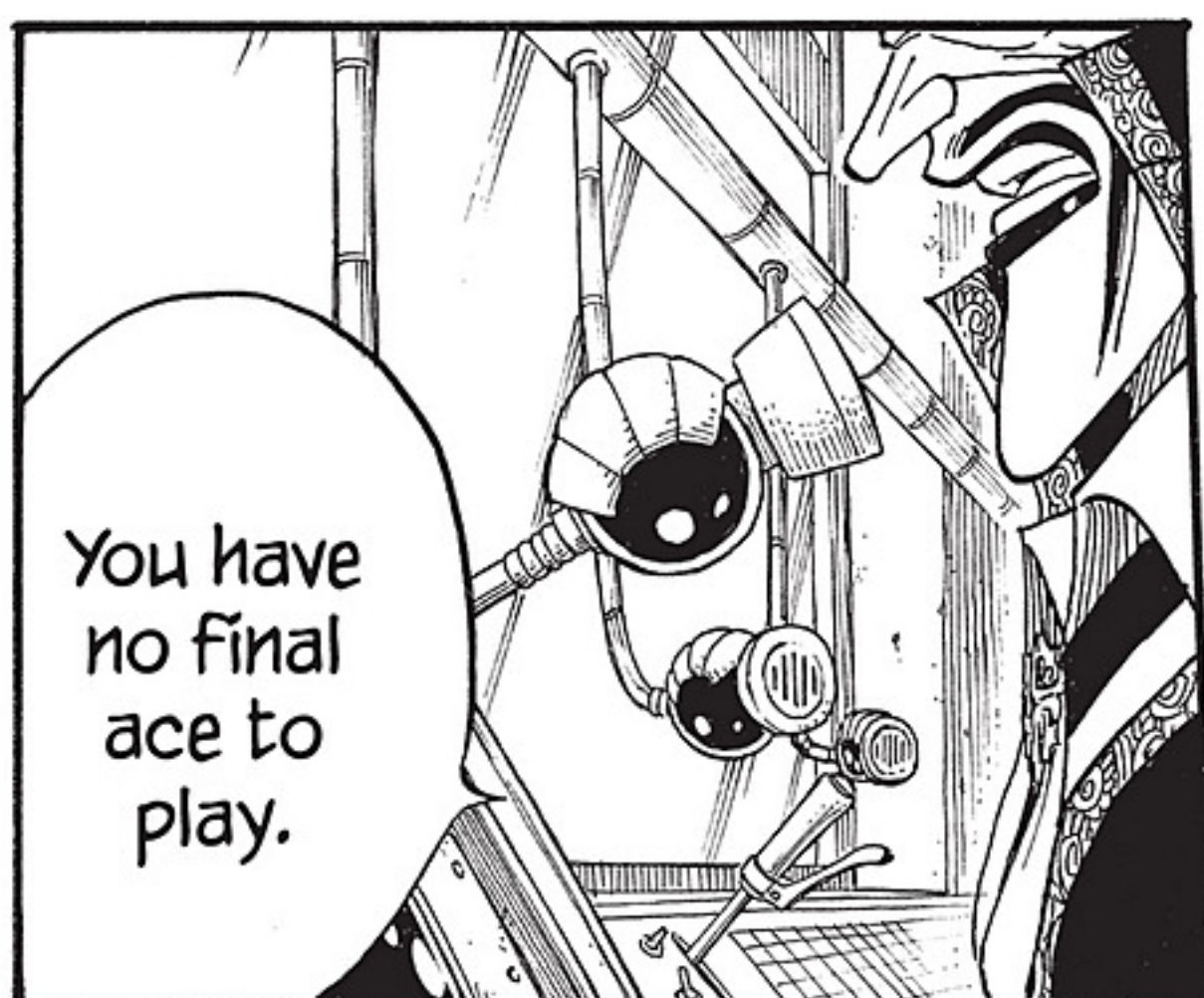
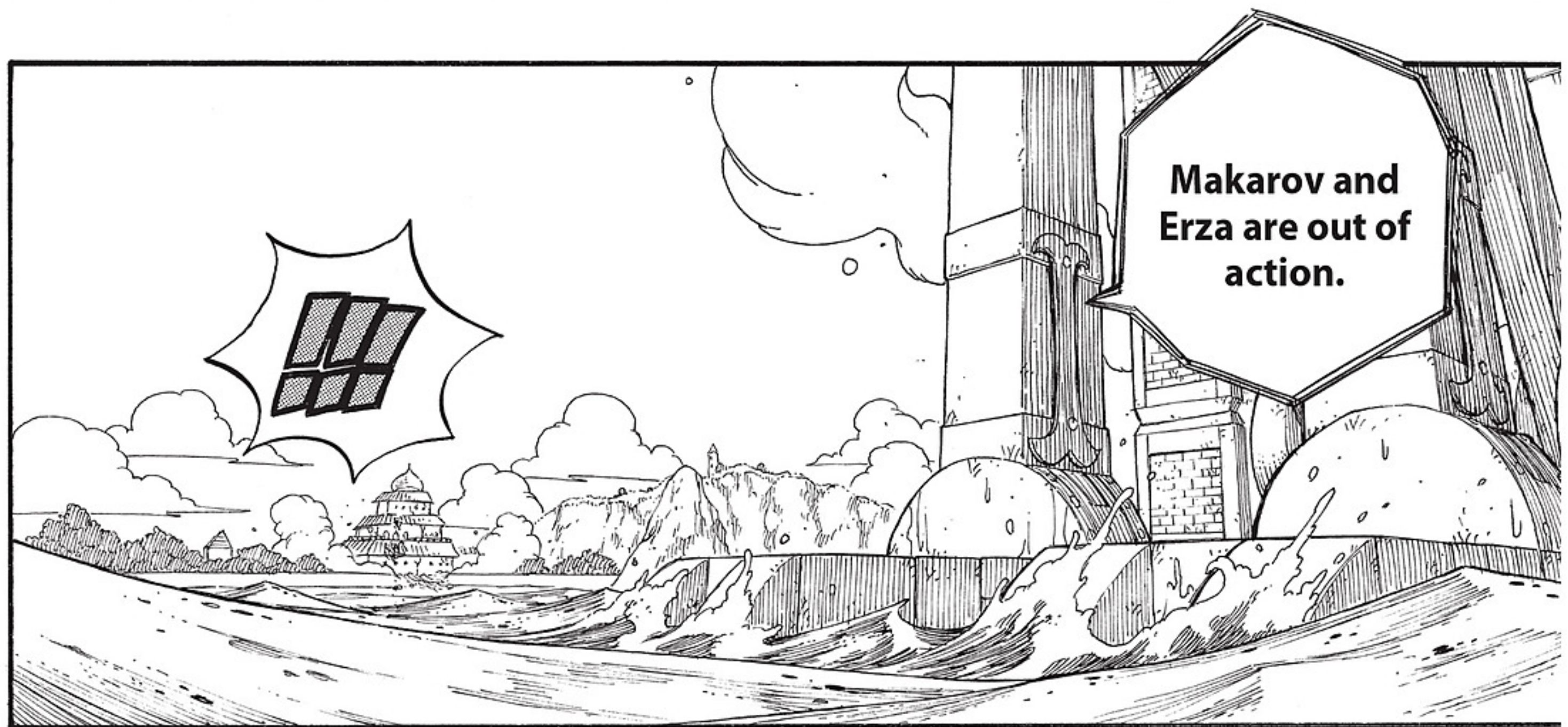
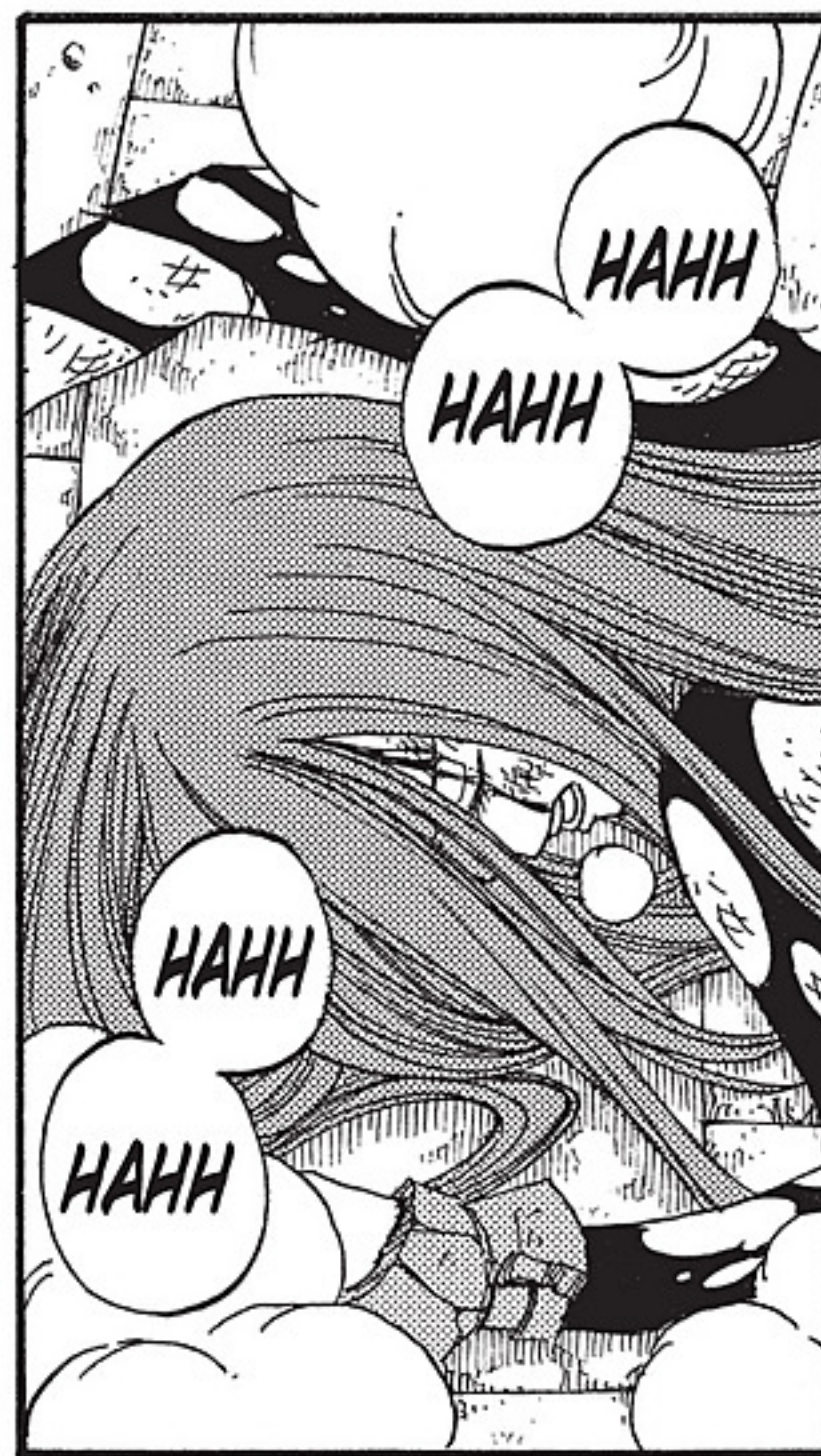


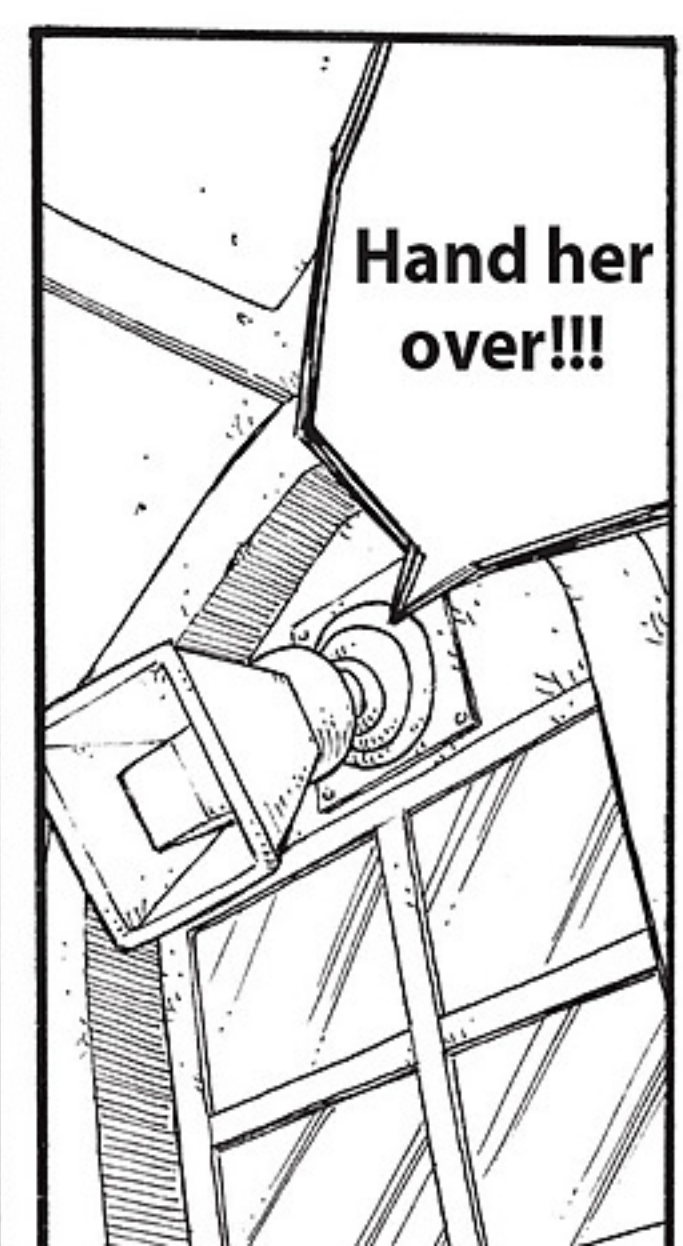
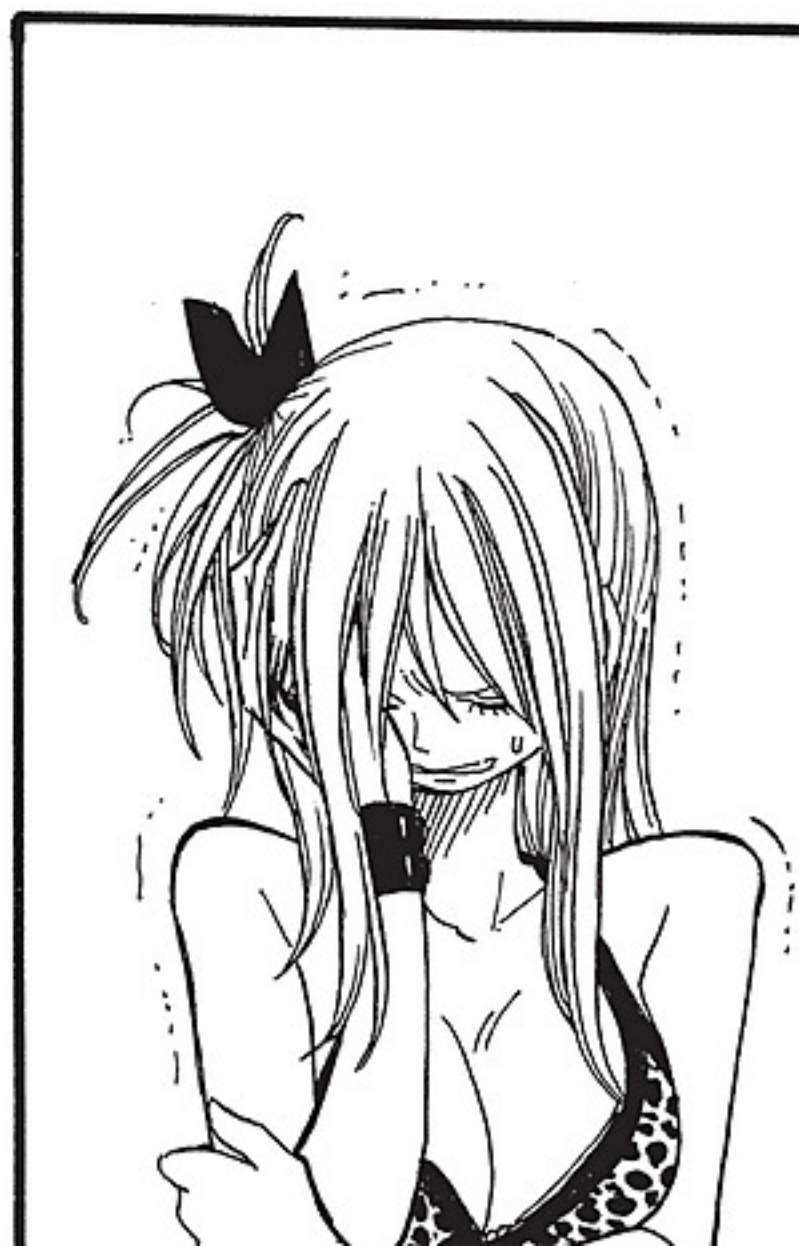
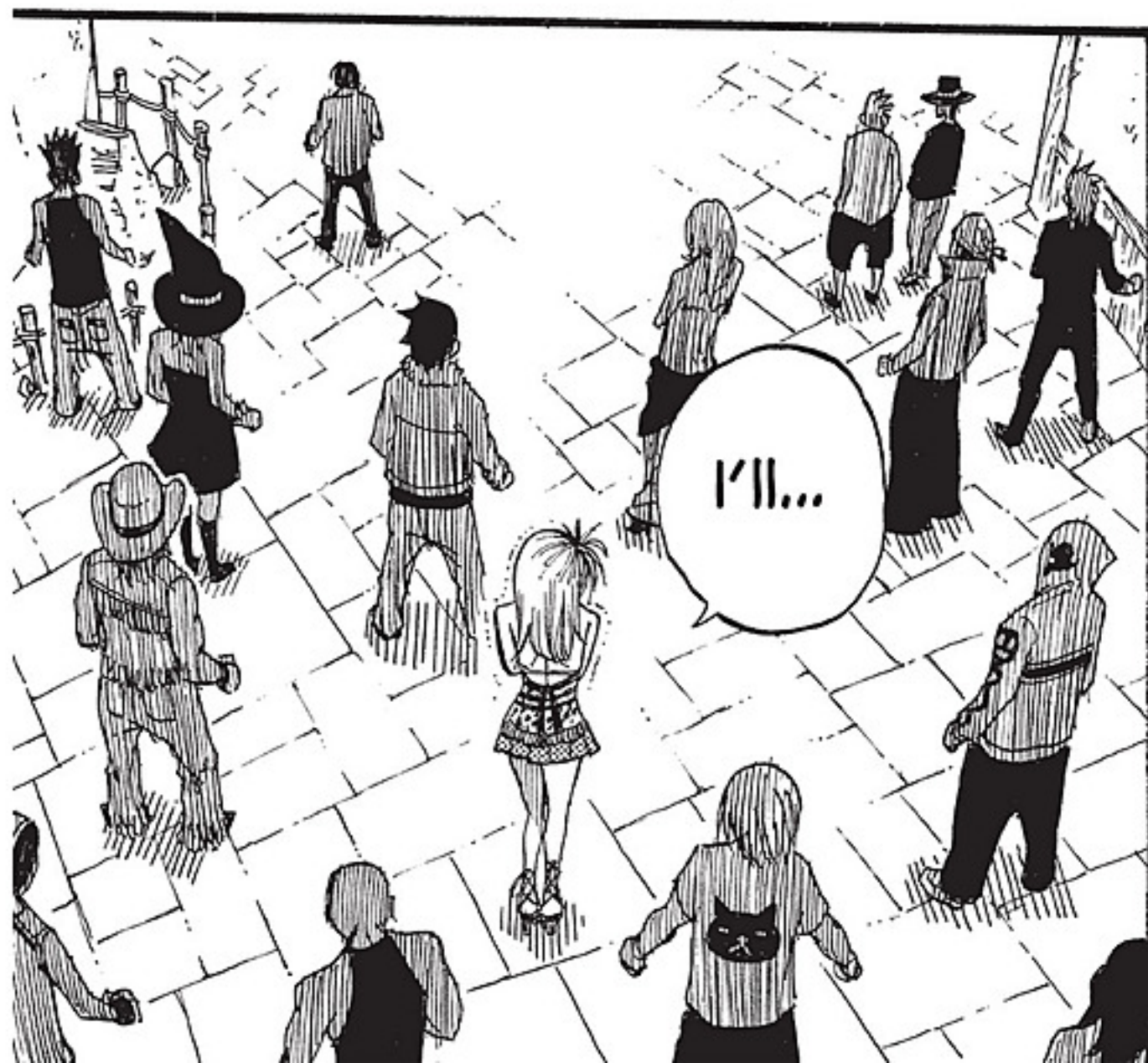
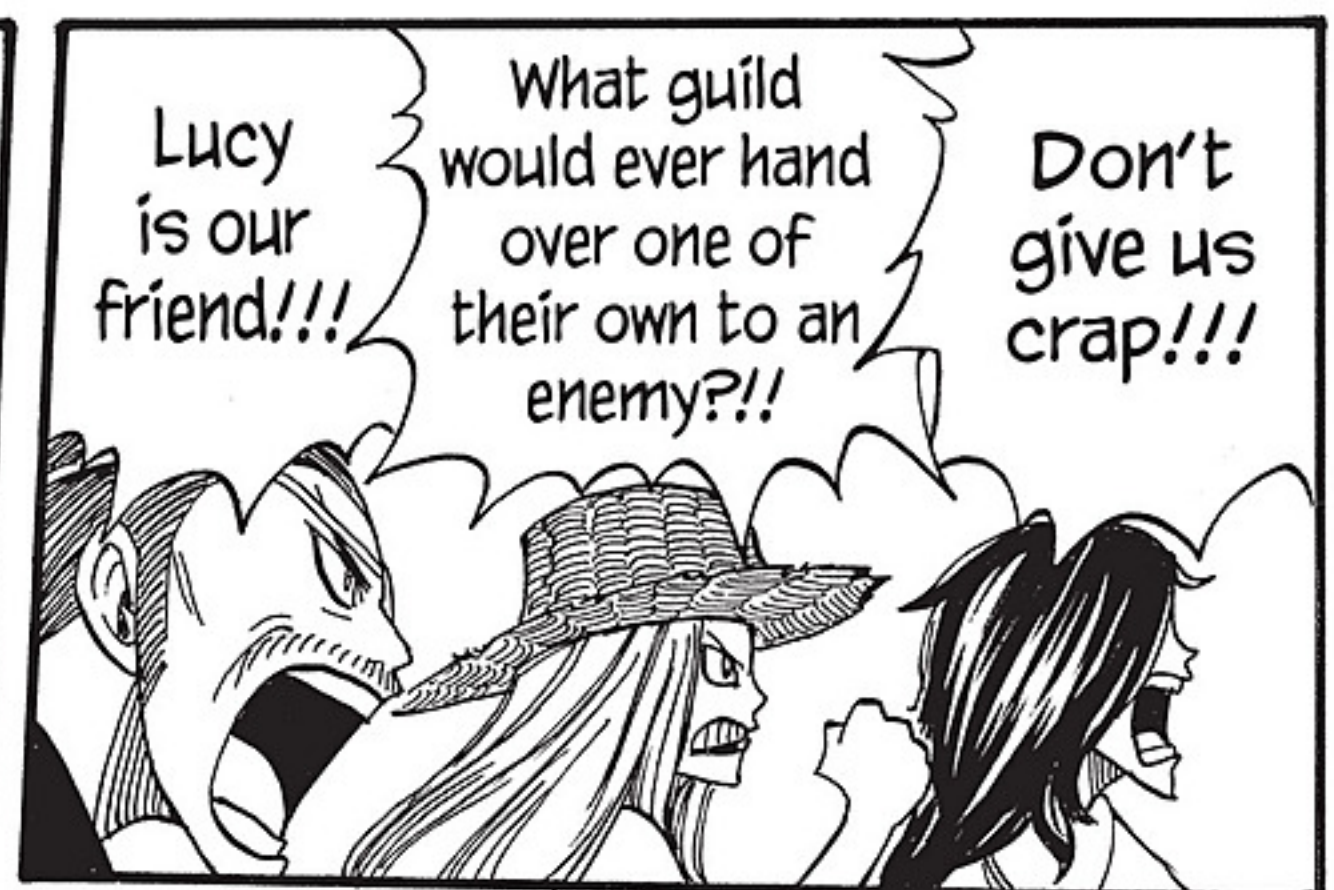
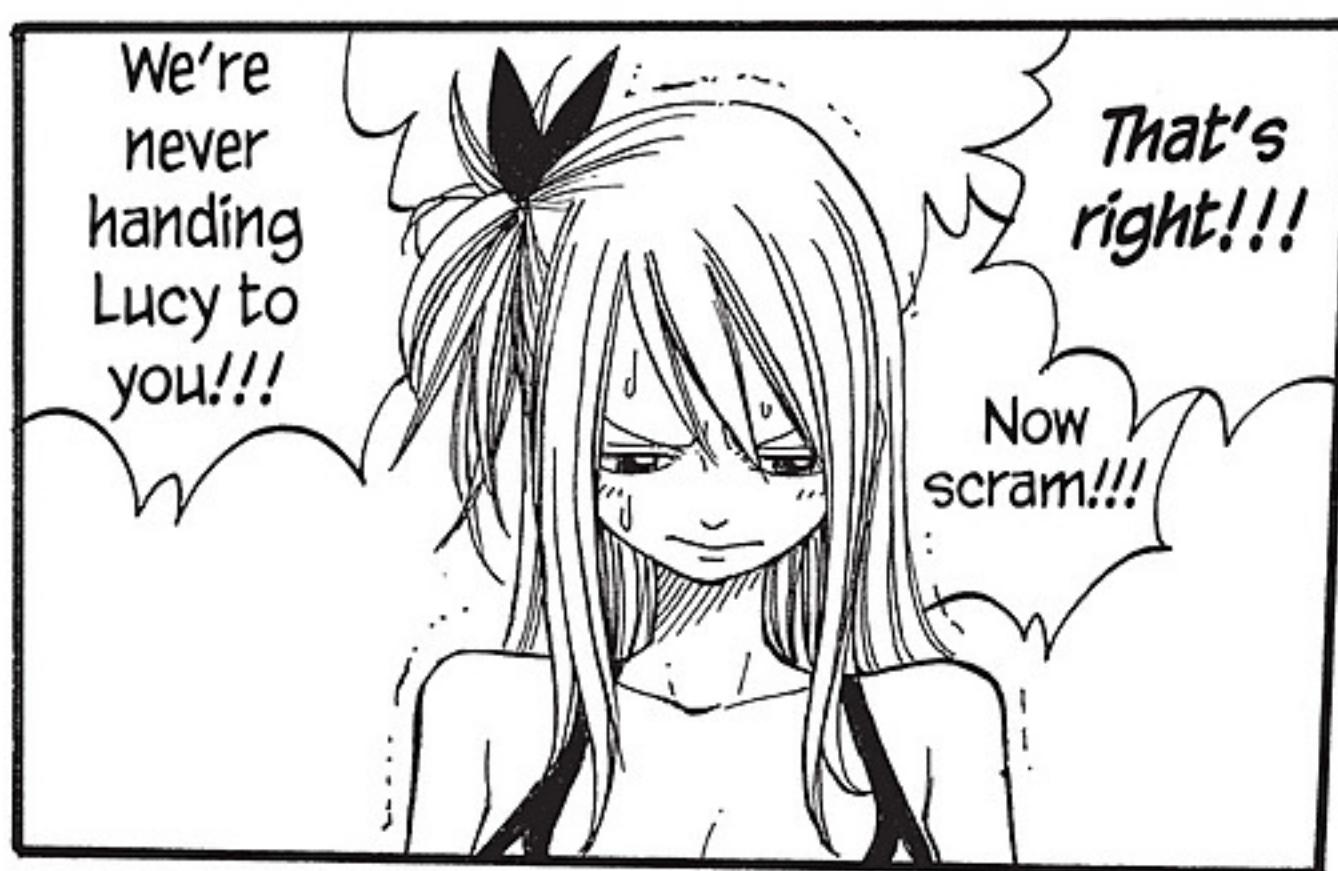
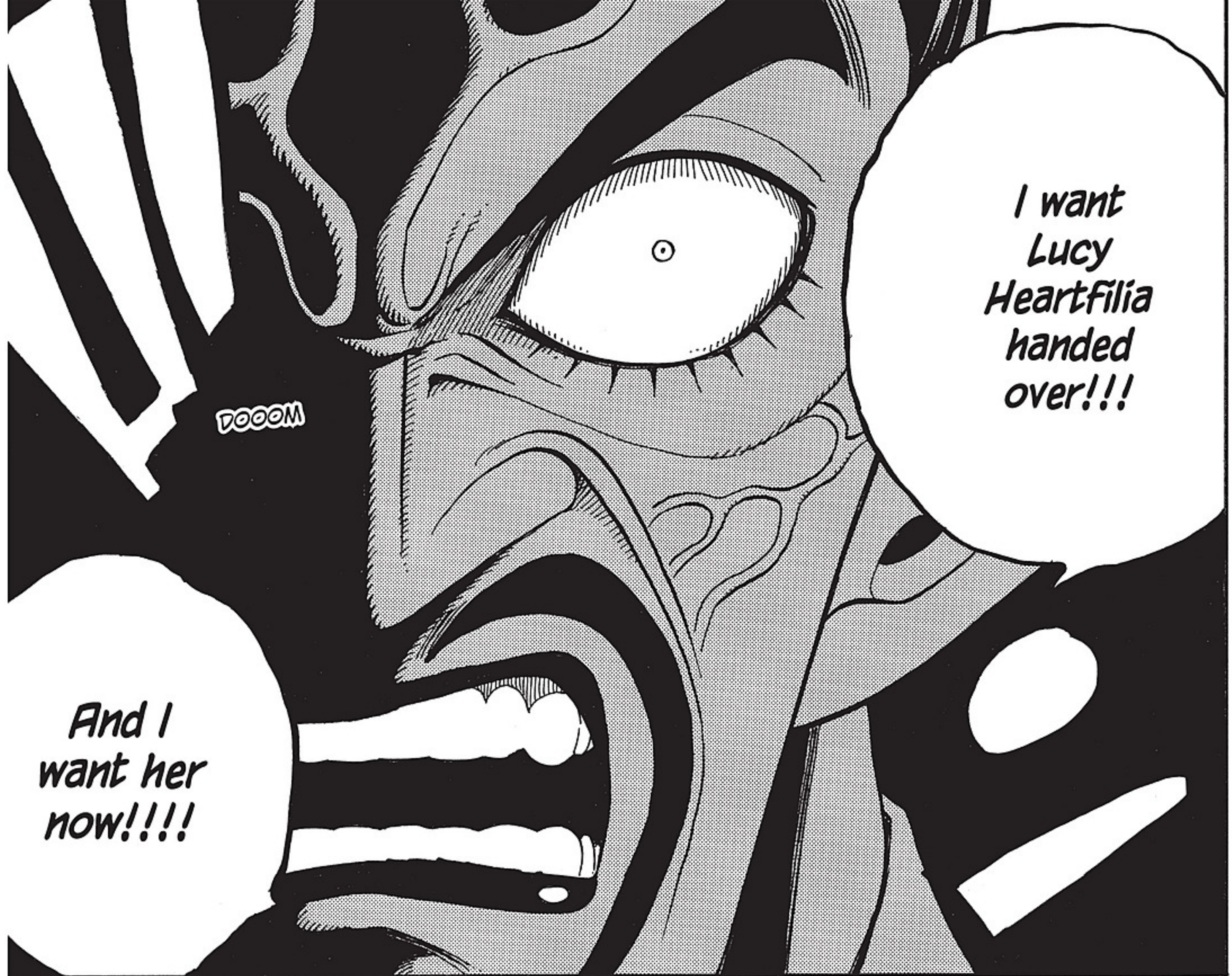
G y a a h h h !!!

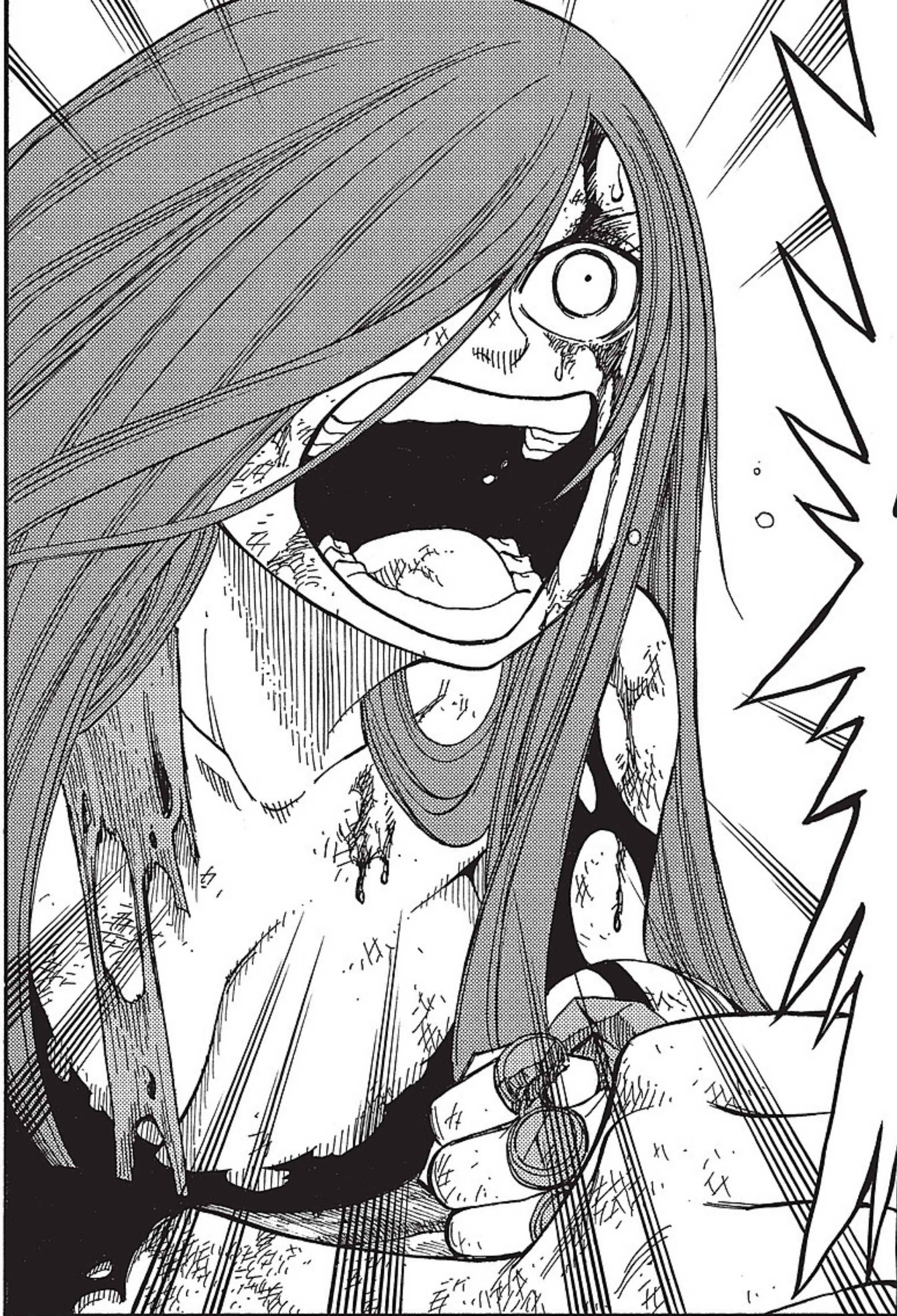
Erza!!!

Erza!!!

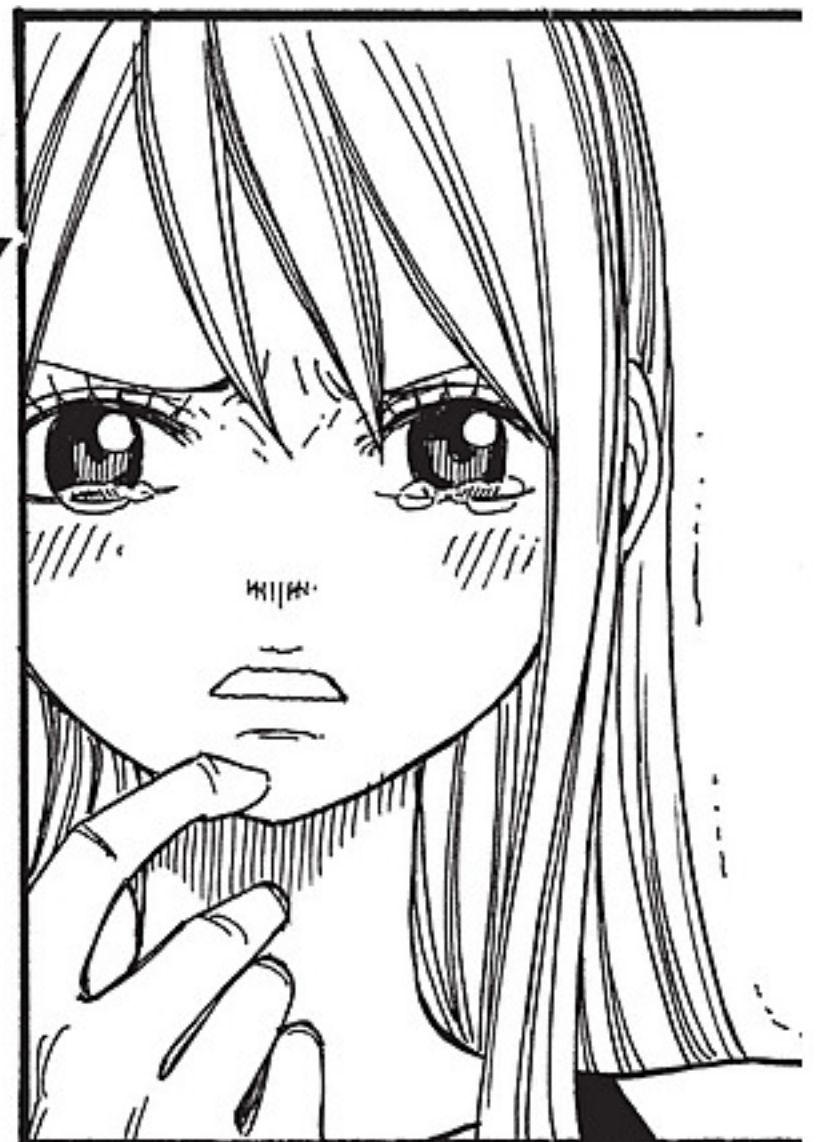








*If it's hand
over a
friend or
die, then I
choose to
die!!!!!!*





*We're going
to smash
you into the
dirt!!!!*

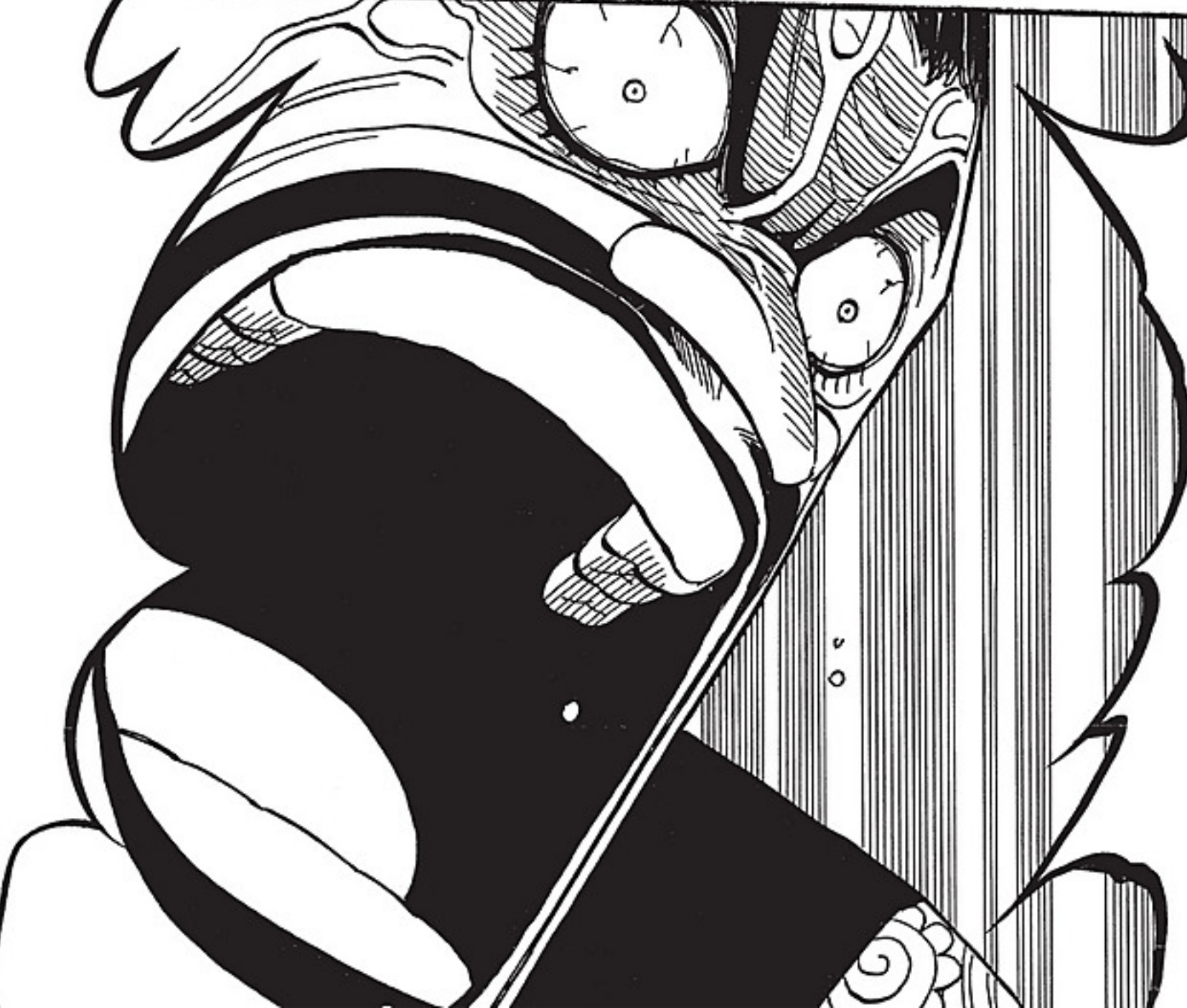
*Do what
you want!
Our answer
will always
be the
same!!!!*



*Oh,
ho?*

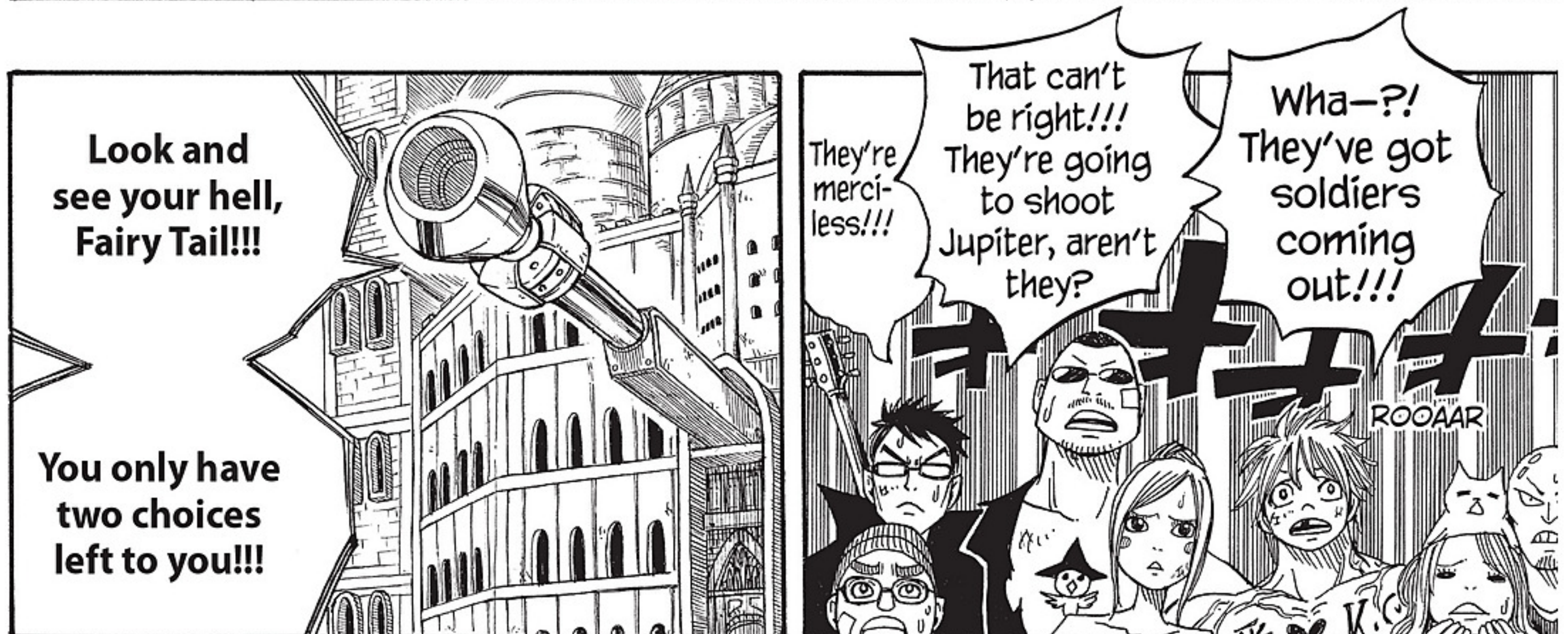
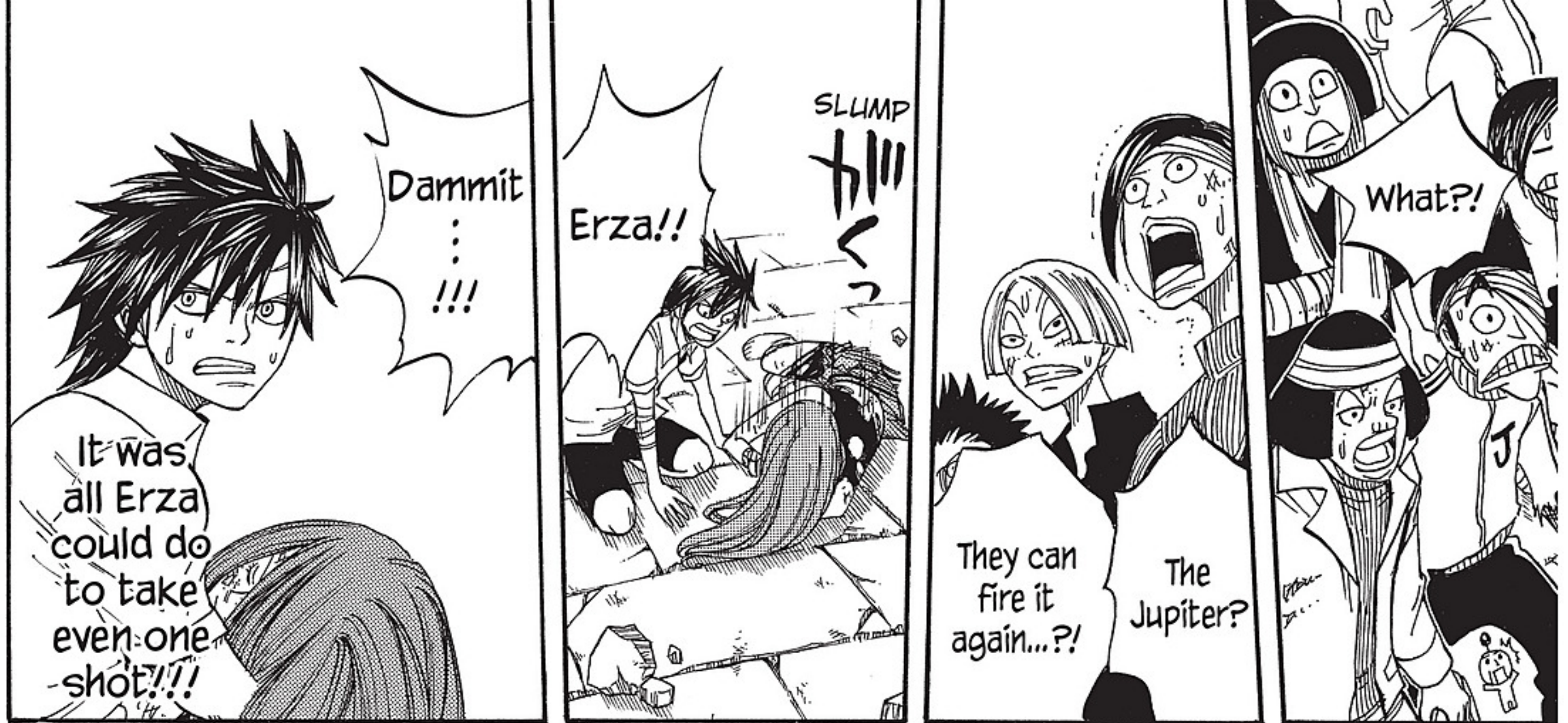
YEA

AAHH



*I will allow
you the
fifteen
minutes it
takes to
repower
to wallow
in your
fear!!!!*

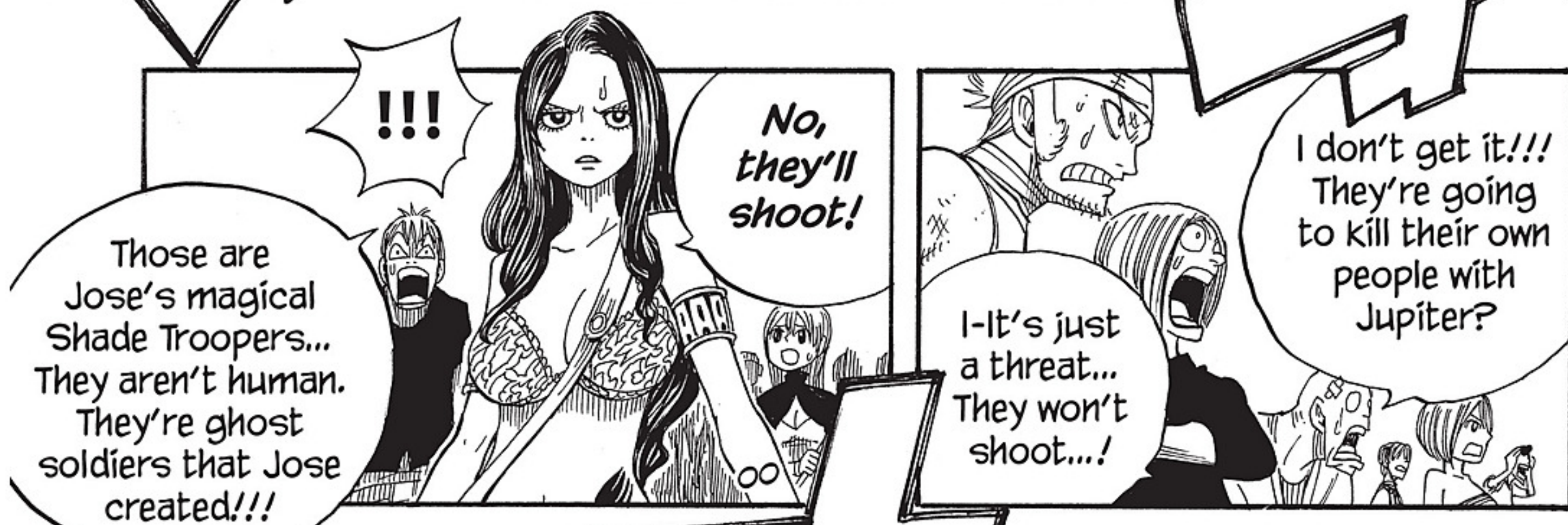
*If that's
what you
want, then
you're
going
to get a
heaping
serving of
Jupiter!!!!*





... or be
killed by
Jupiter!!!!

Be killed
by my
troopers...



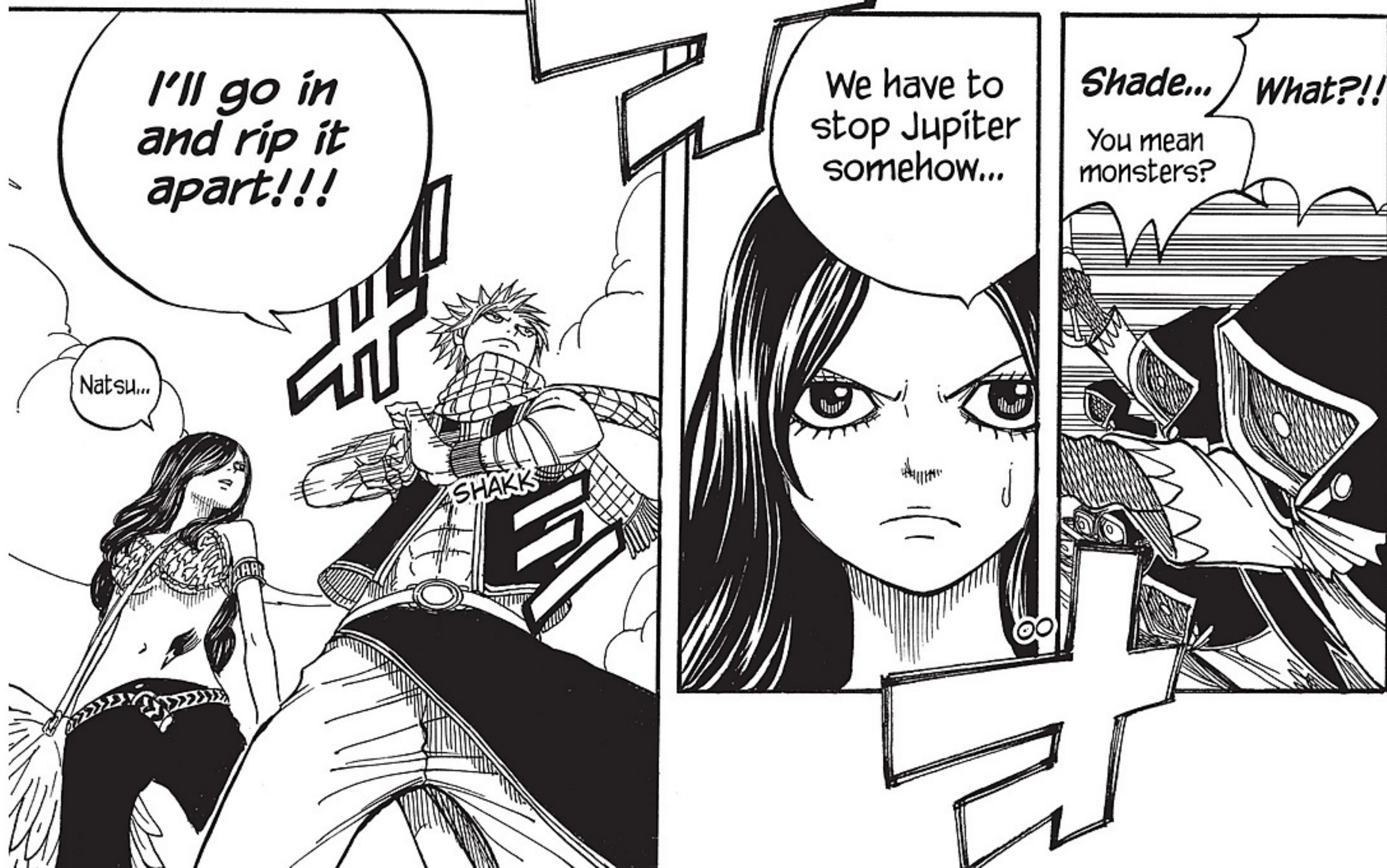
Those are
Jose's magical
Shade Troopers...
They aren't human.
They're ghost
soldiers that Jose
created!!!

!!!

No,
they'll
shoot!

I-It's just
a threat...
They won't
shoot...!

I don't get it!!!
They're going
to kill their own
people with
Jupiter?

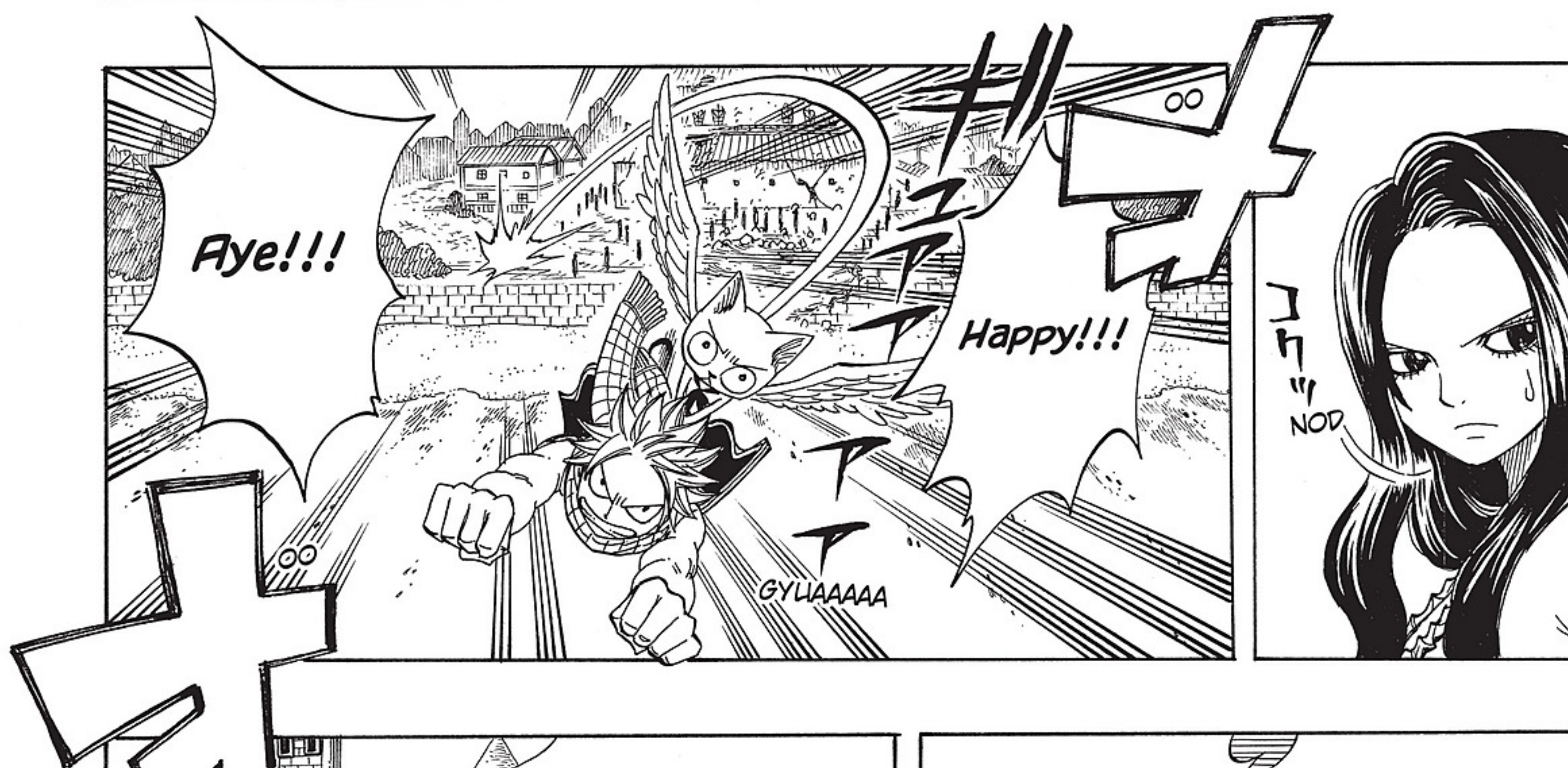
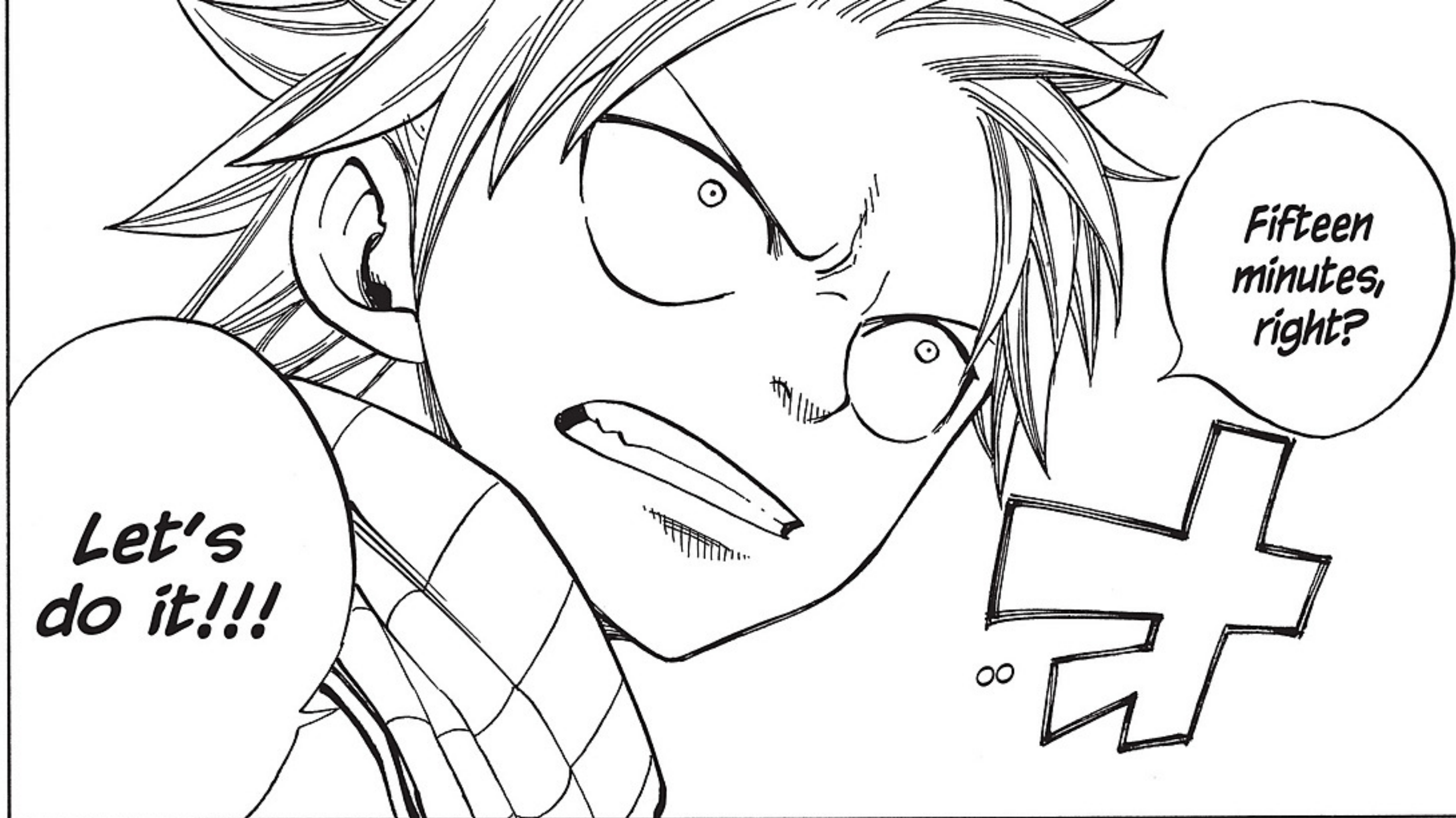


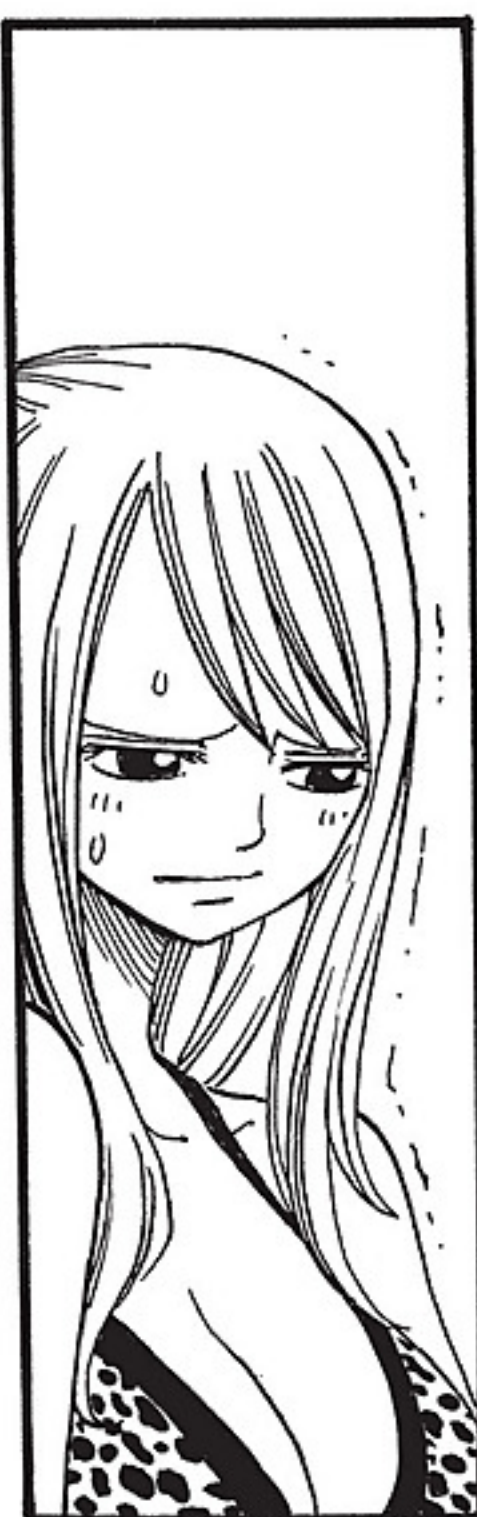
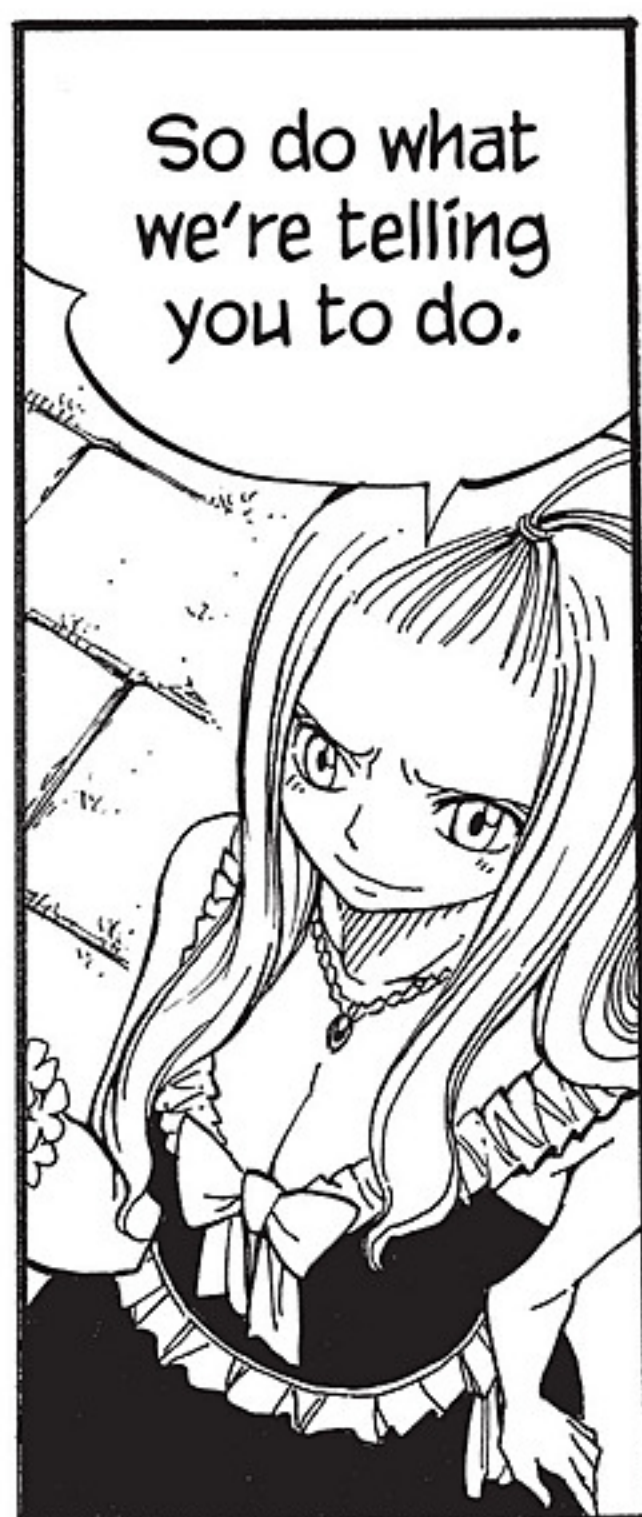
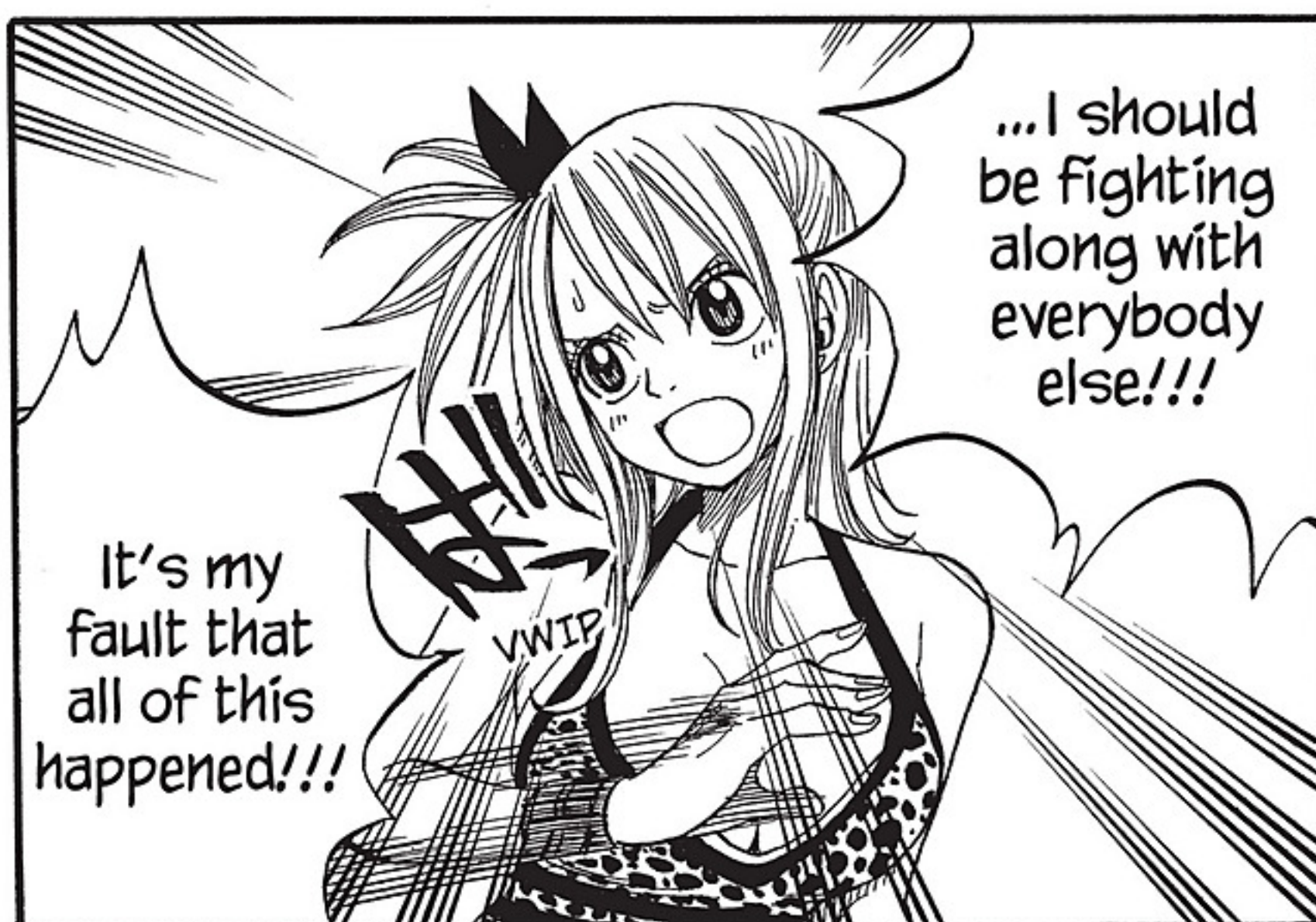
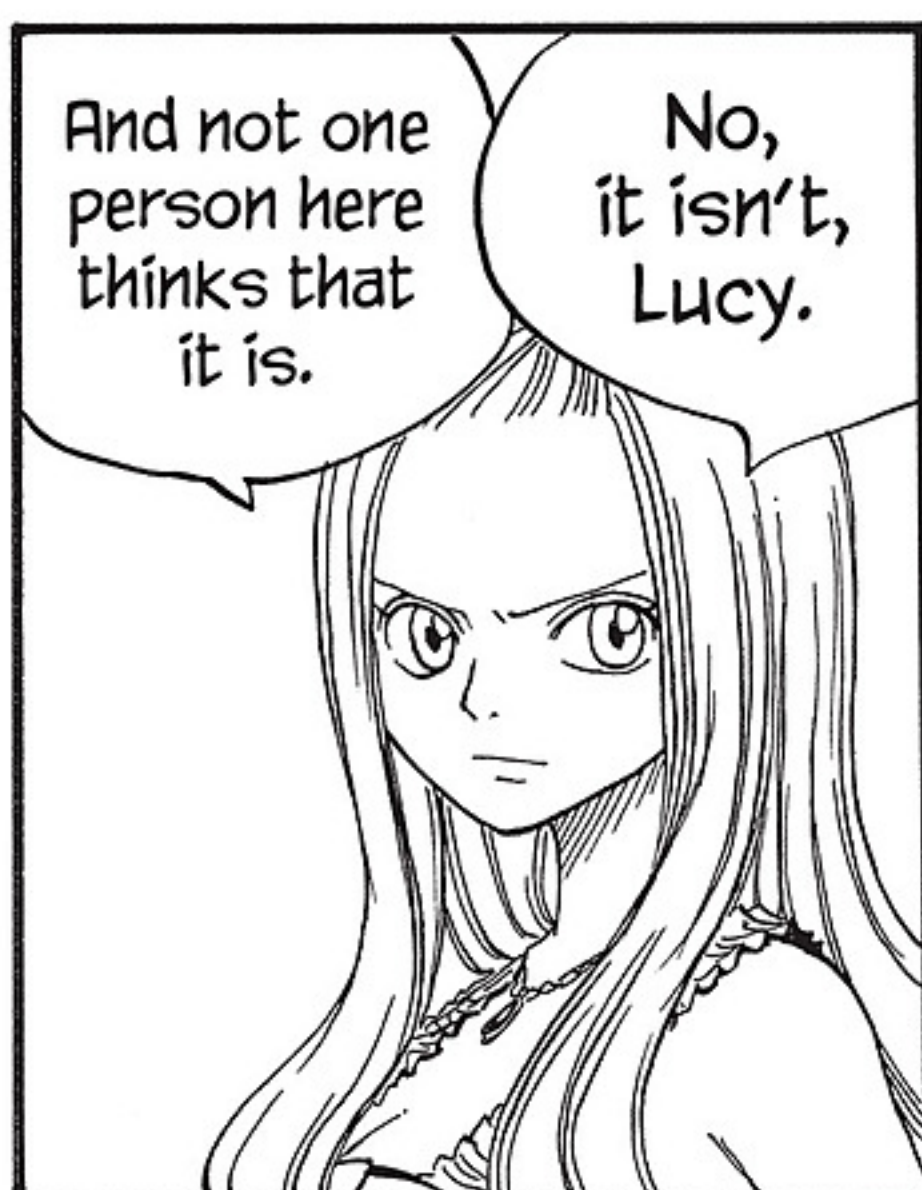
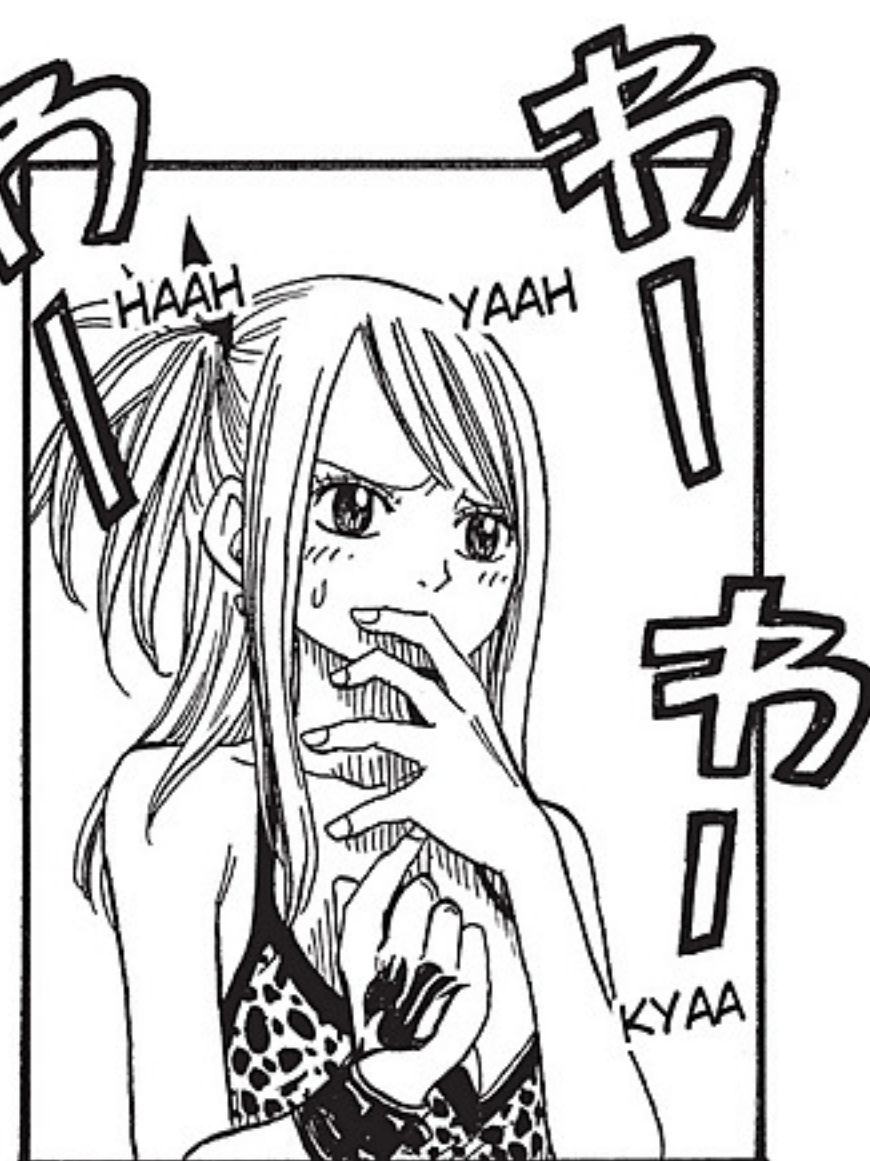
I'll go in
and rip it
apart!!!

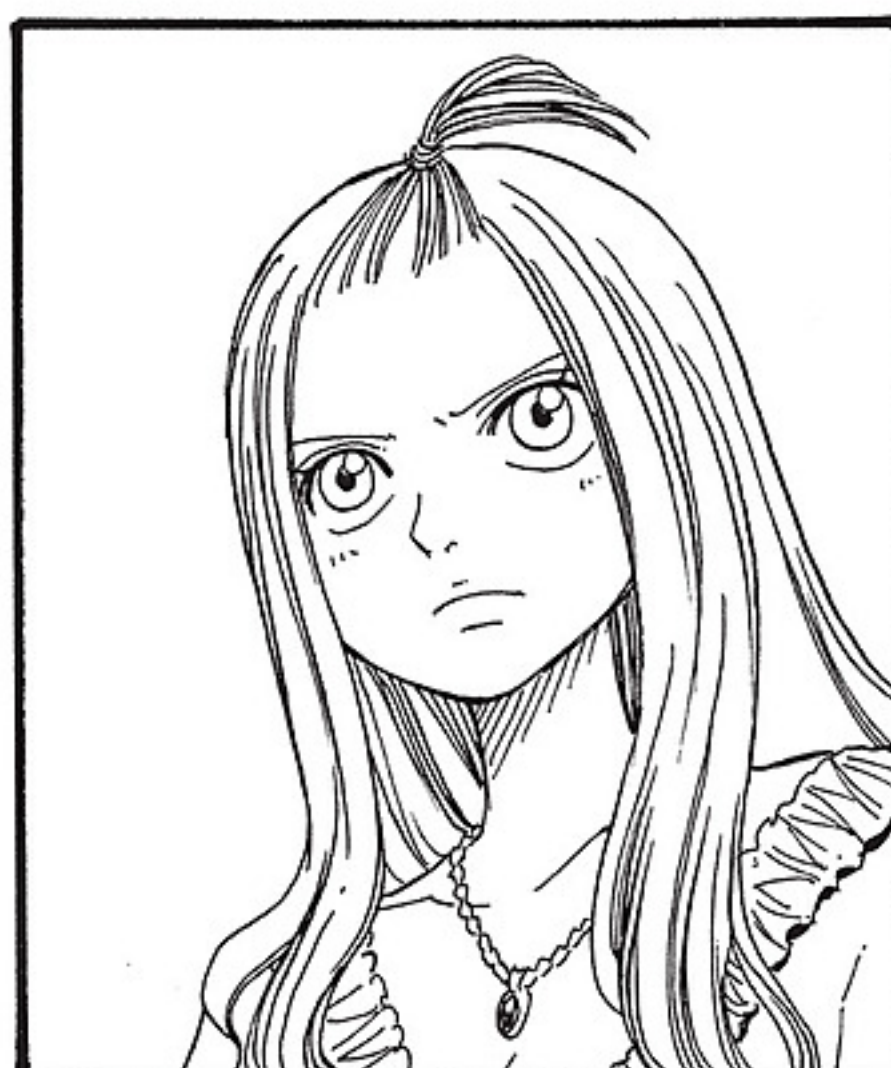
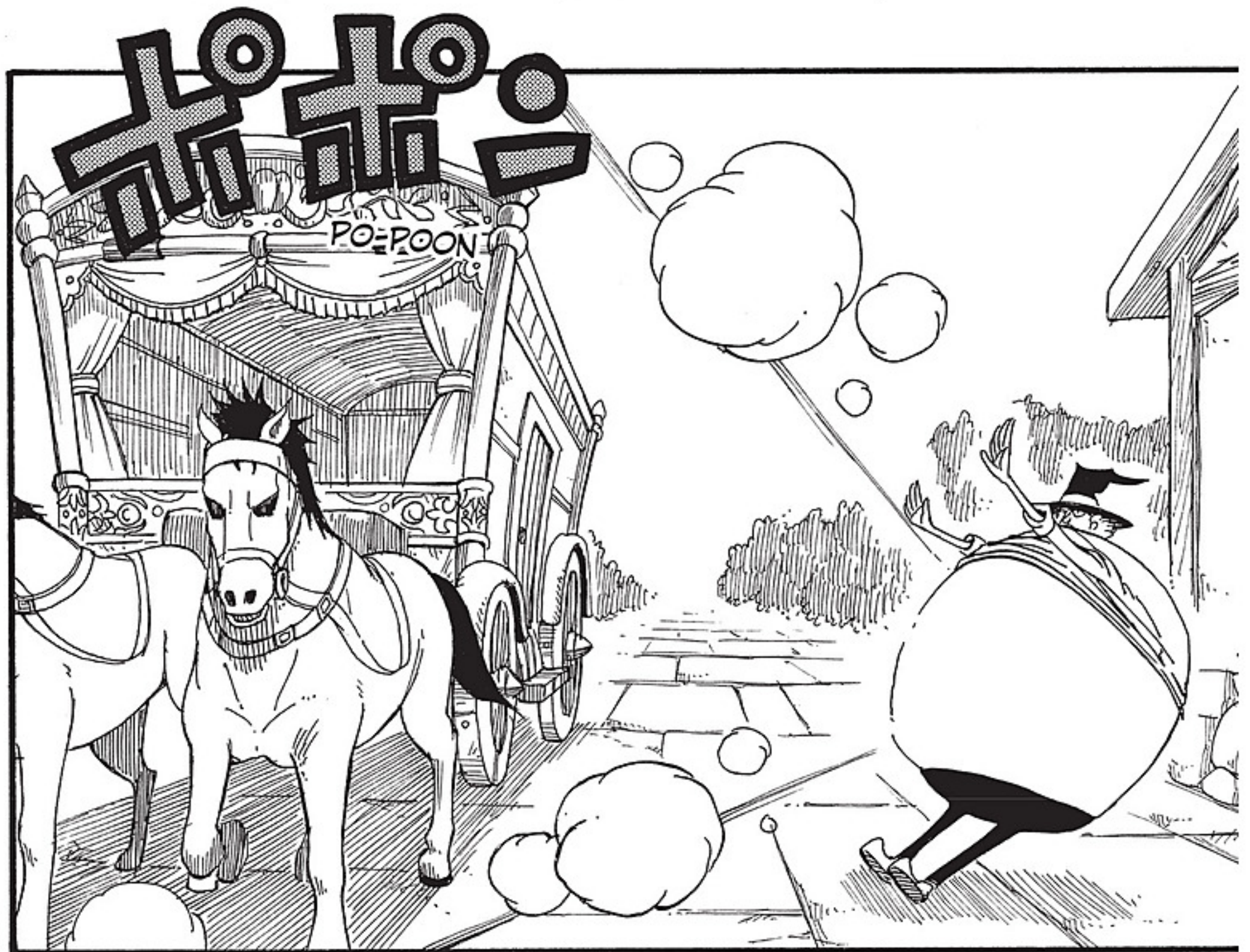
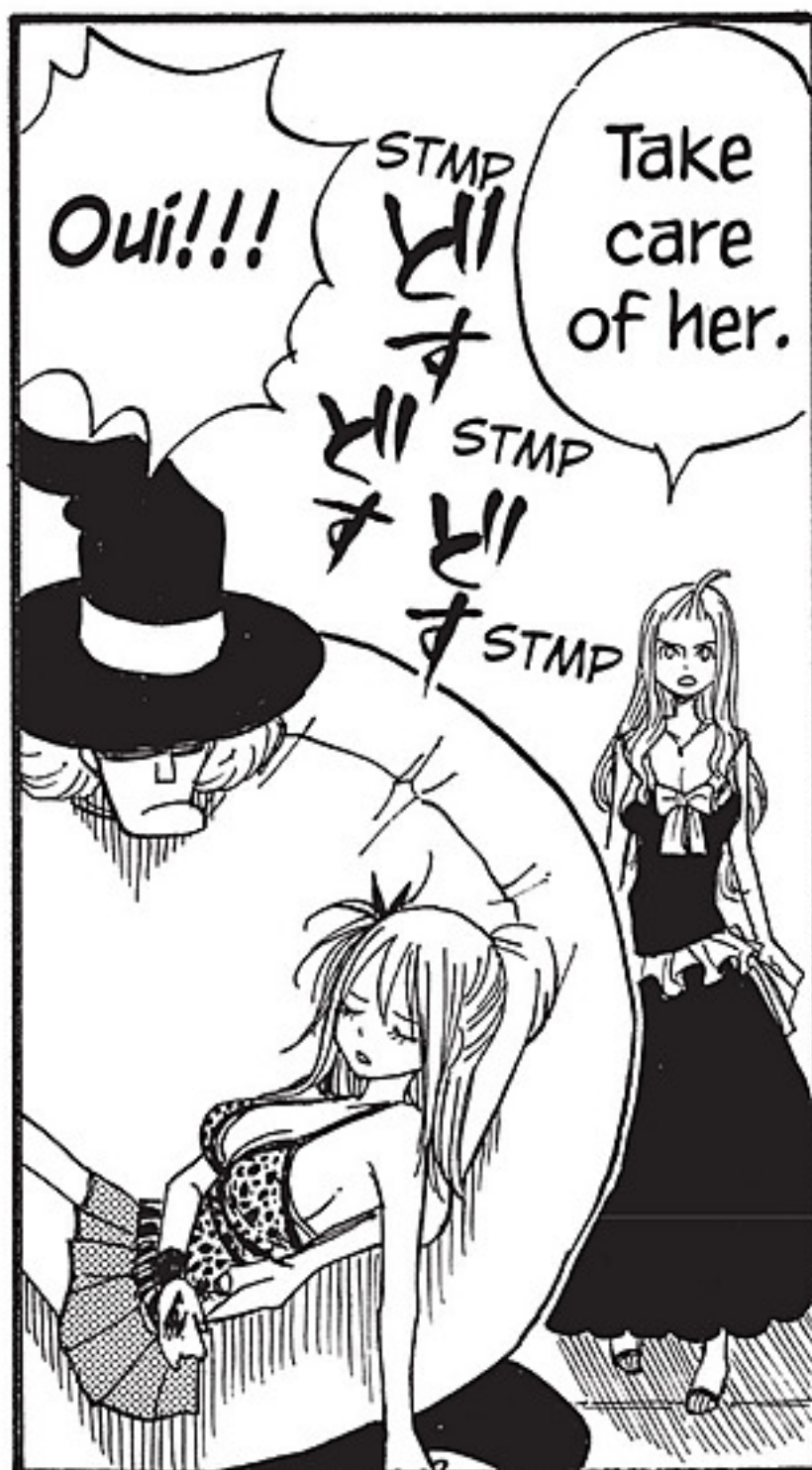
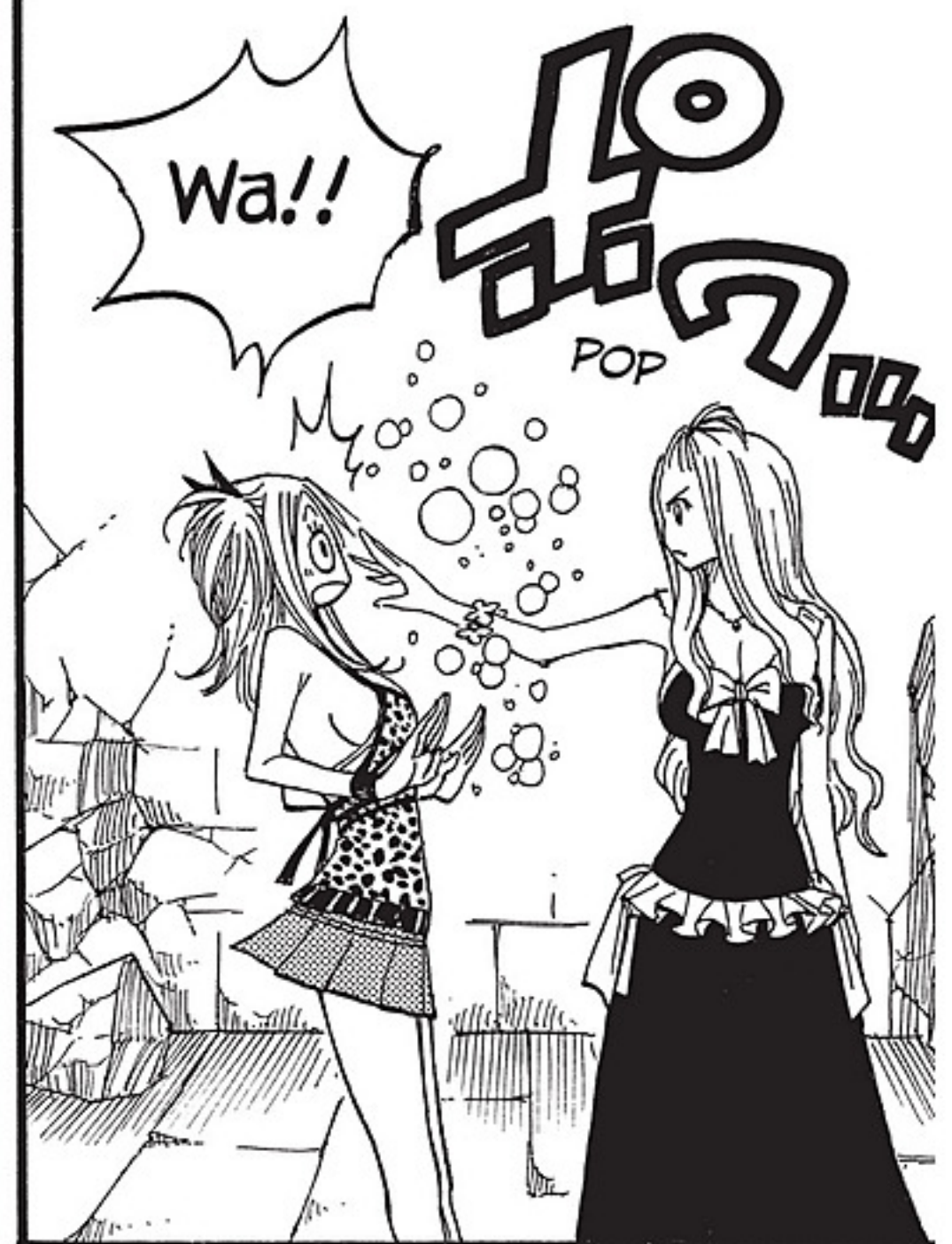
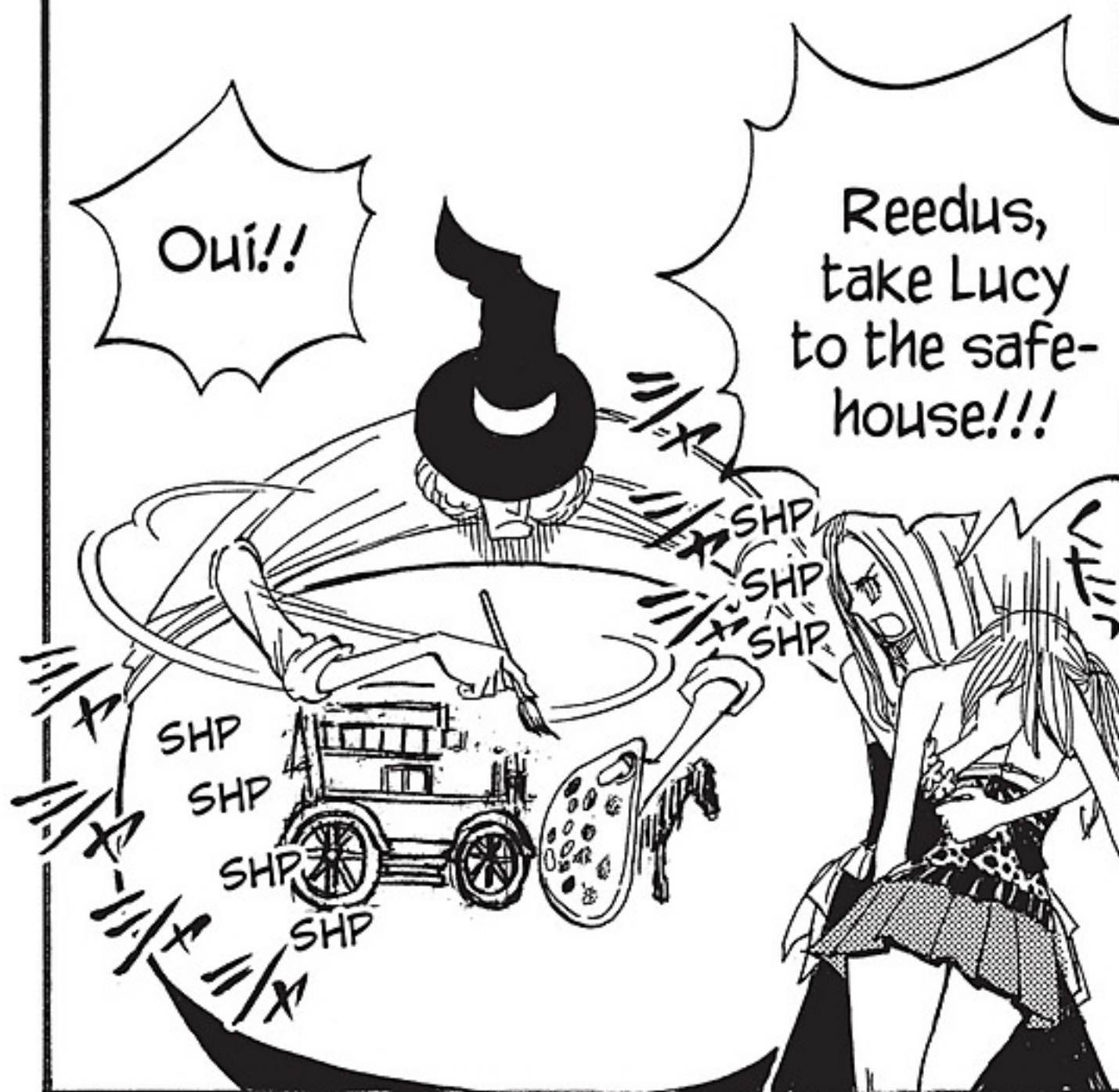
Natsu...

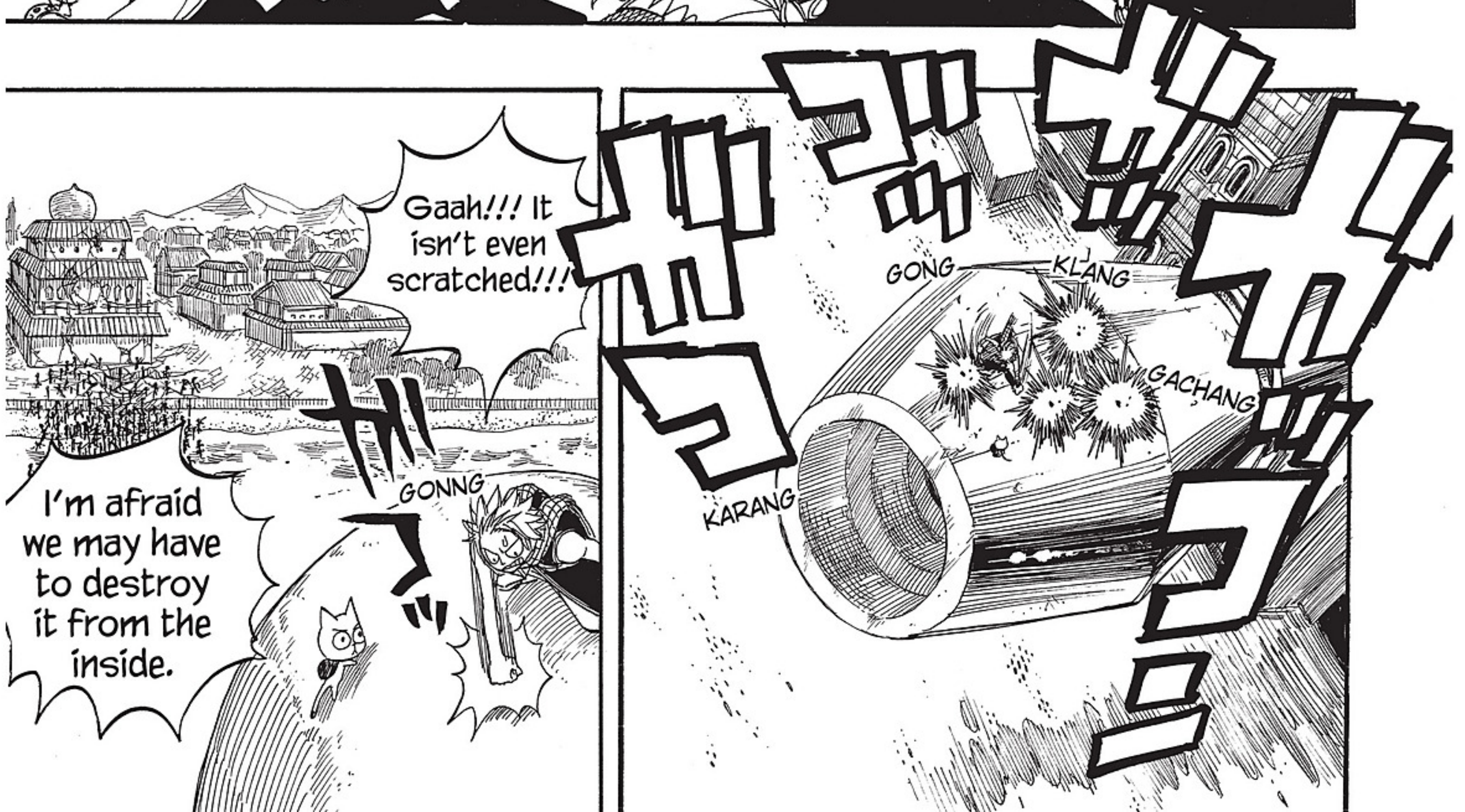
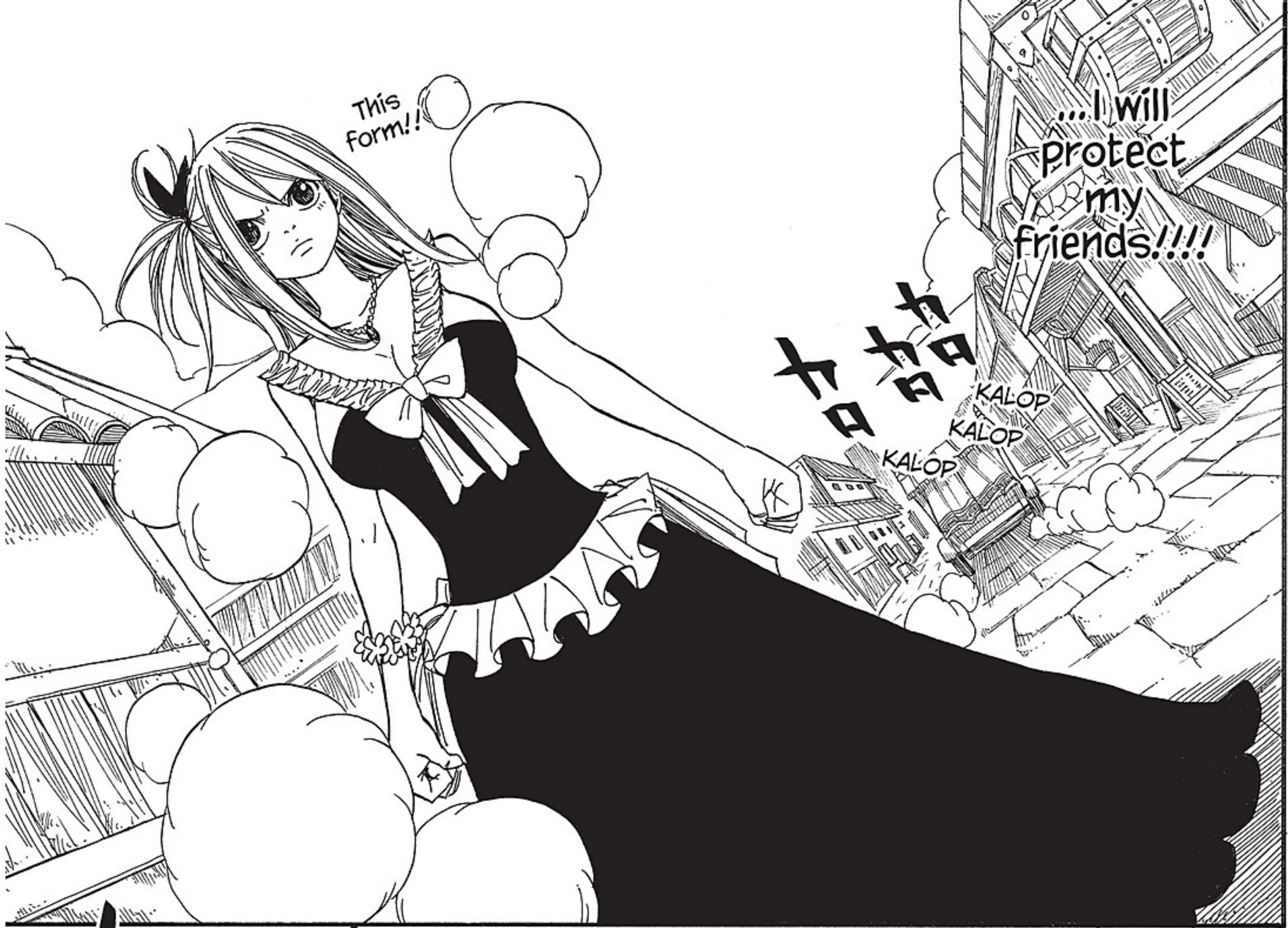
We have to
stop Jupiter
somehow...

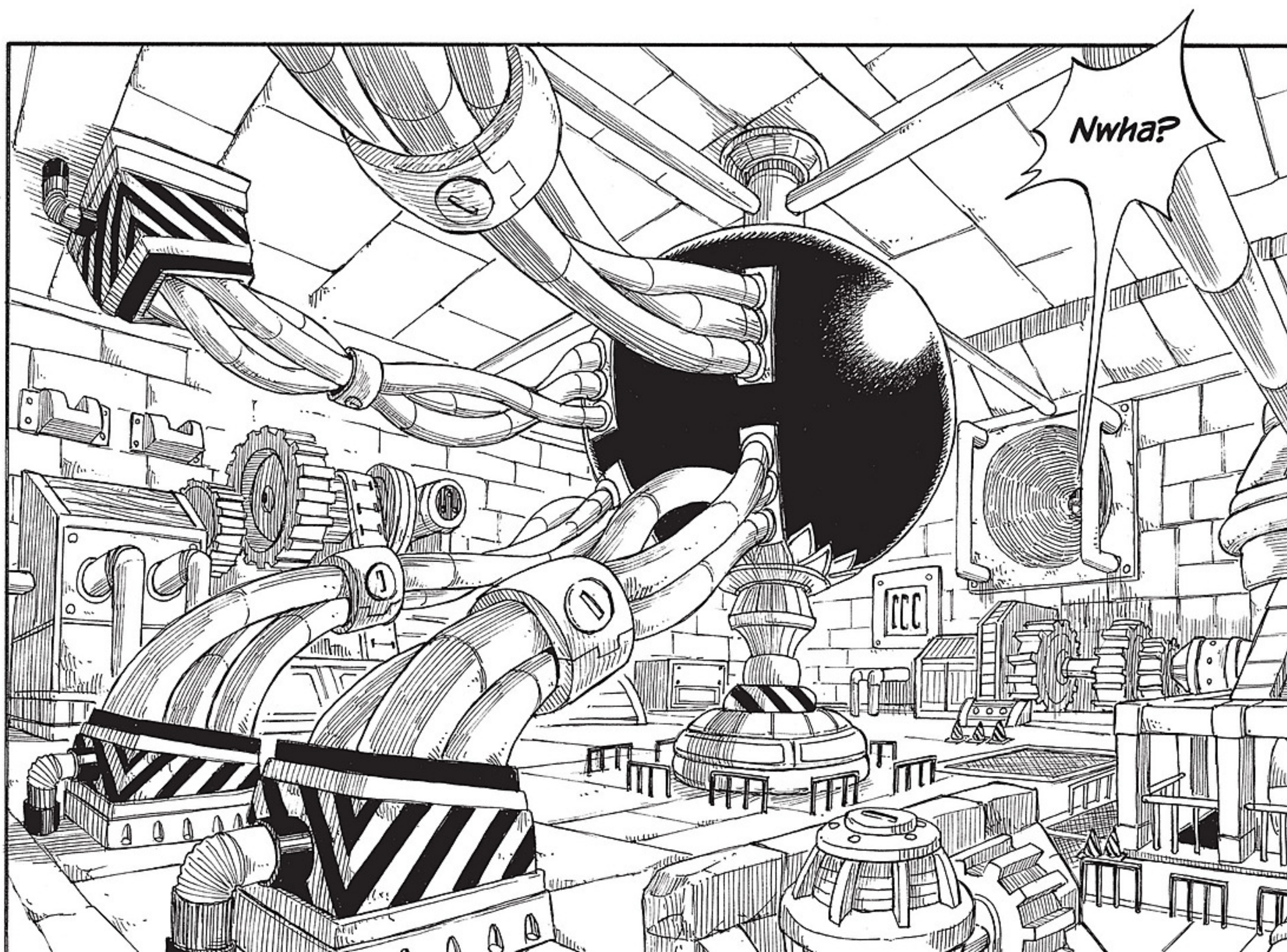
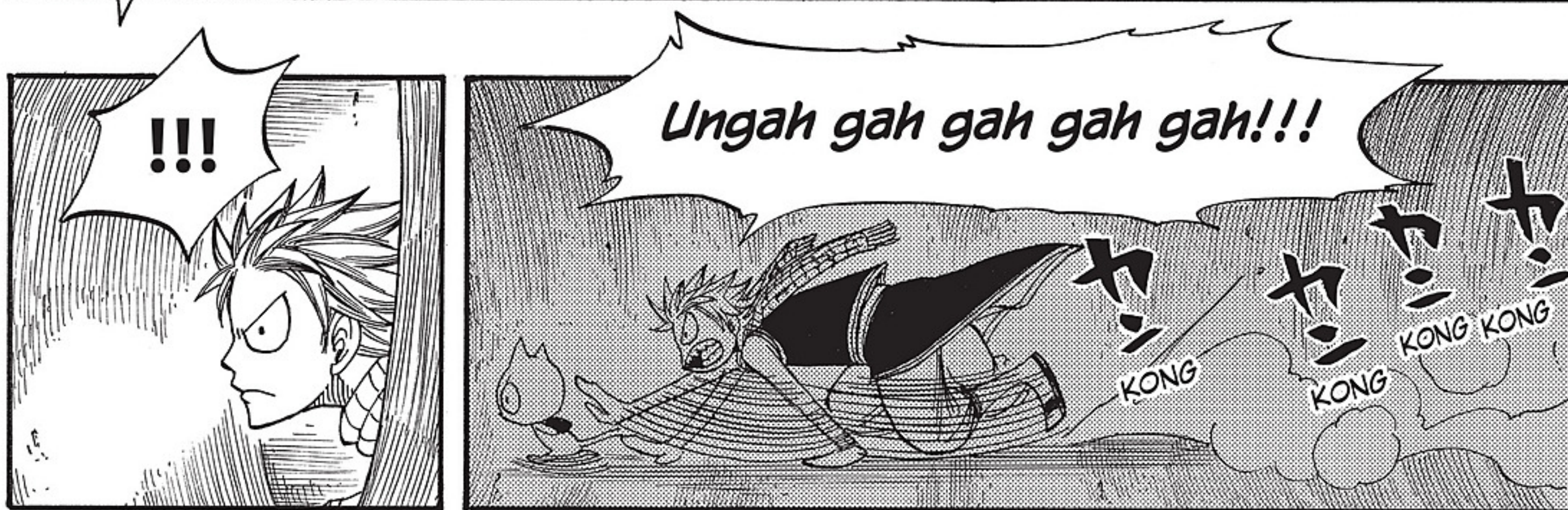
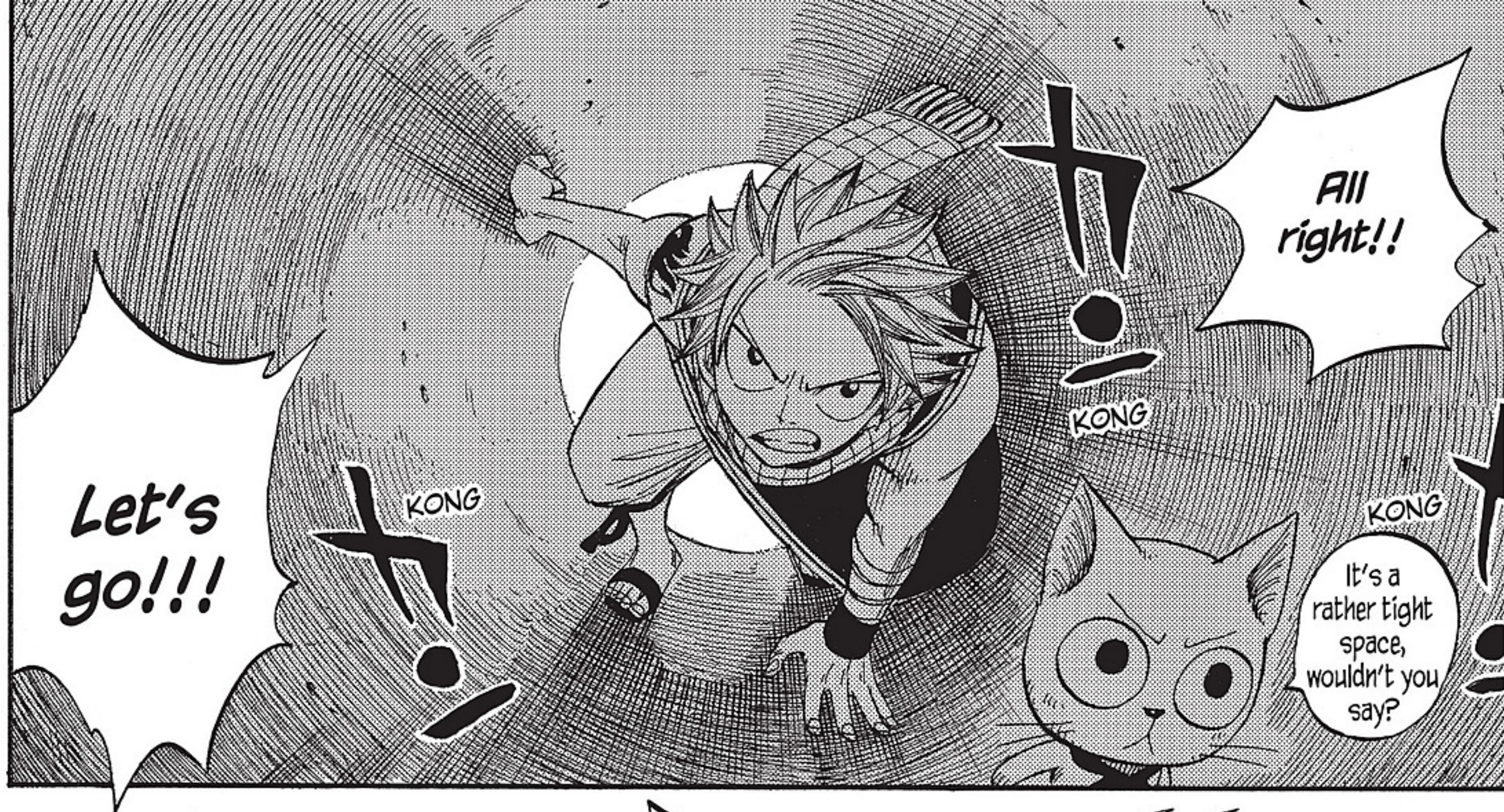
Shade... What?!!
You mean
monsters?

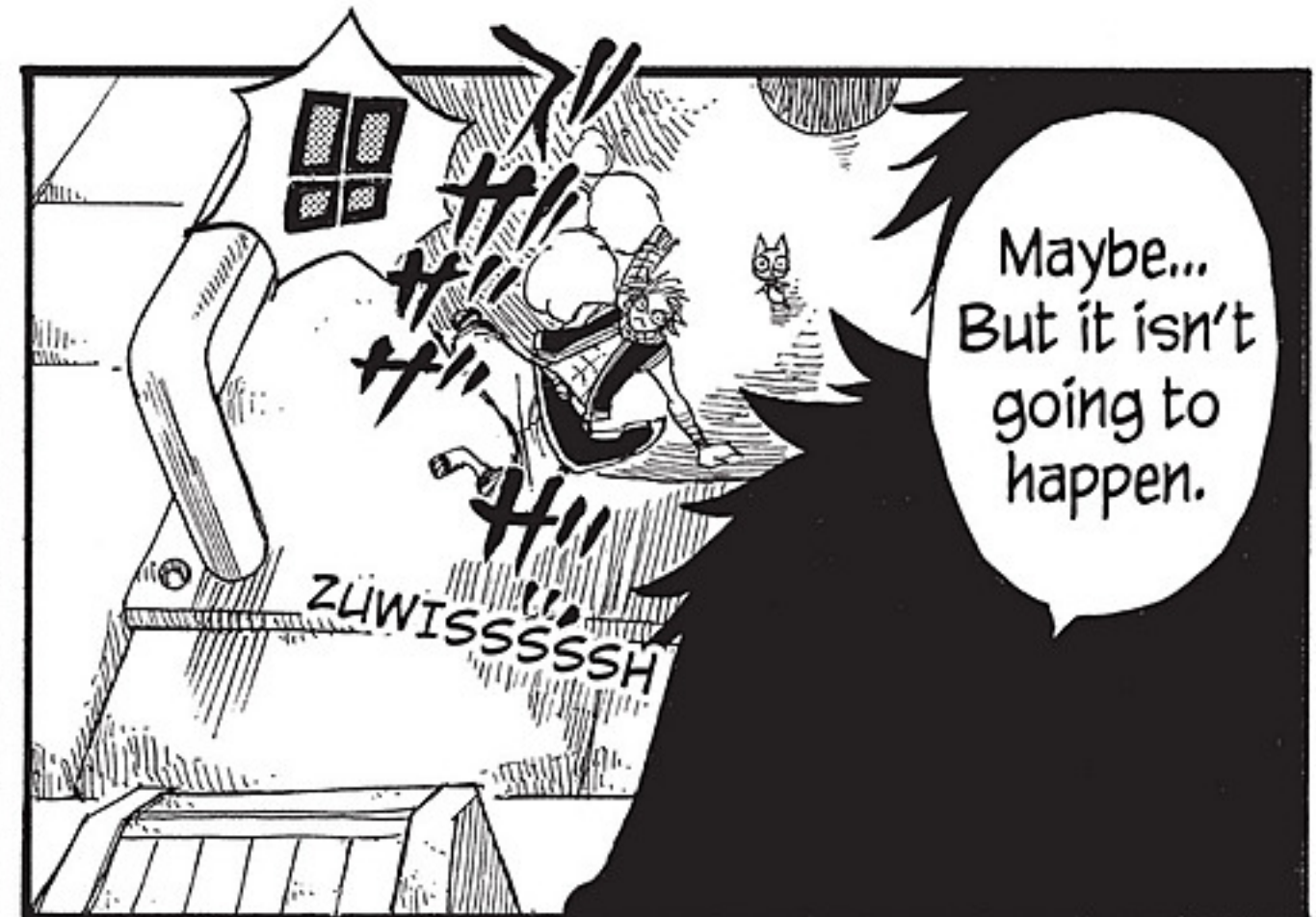


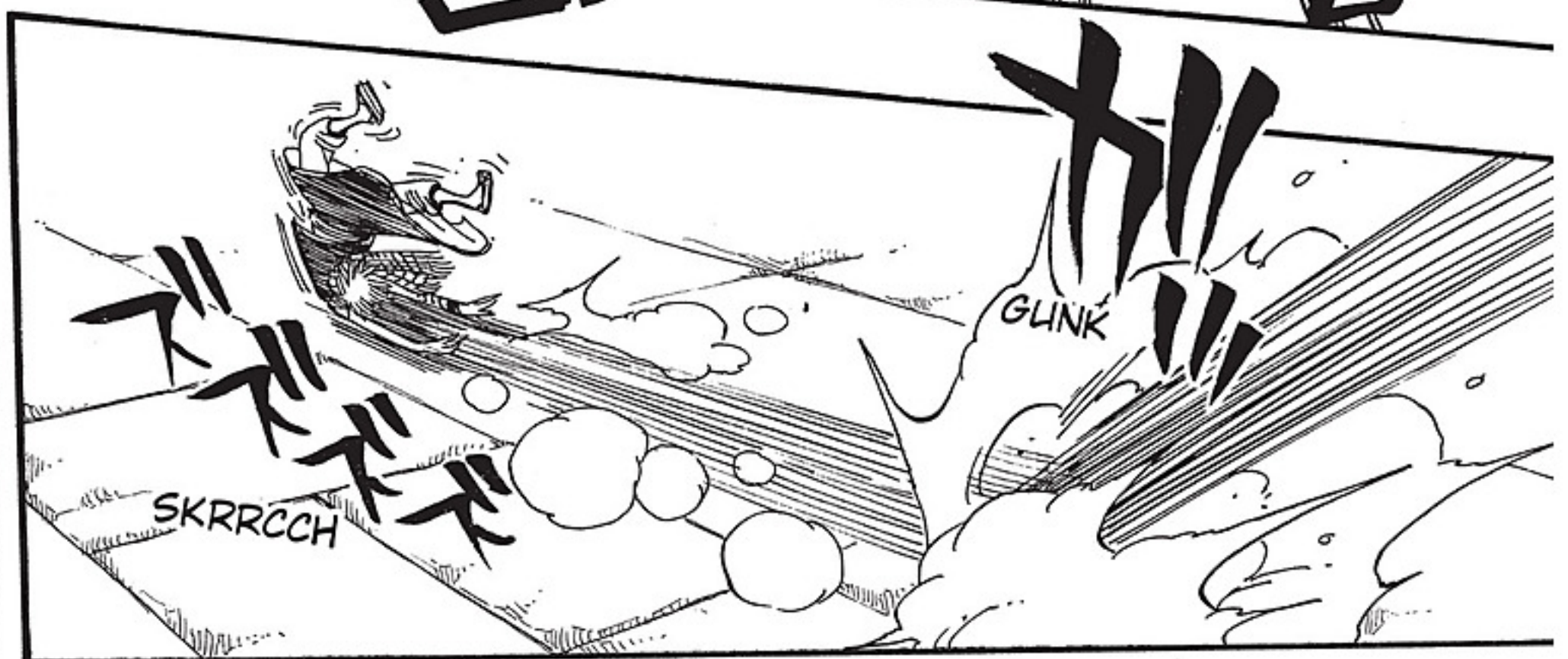
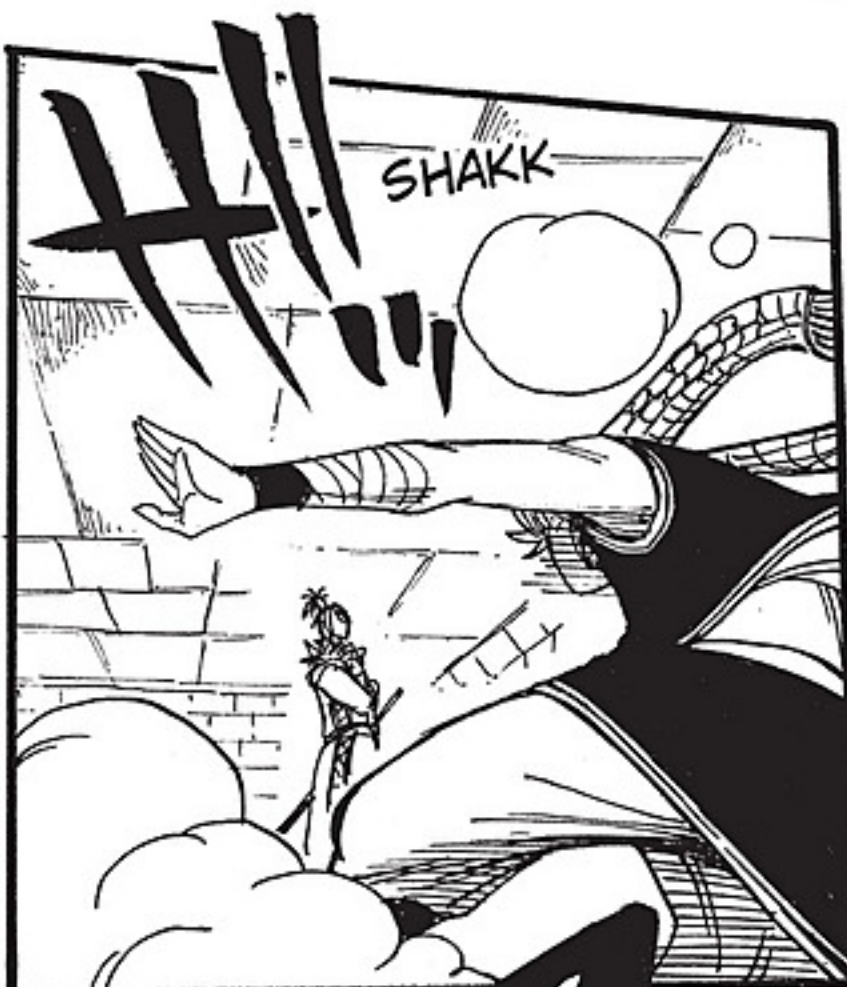
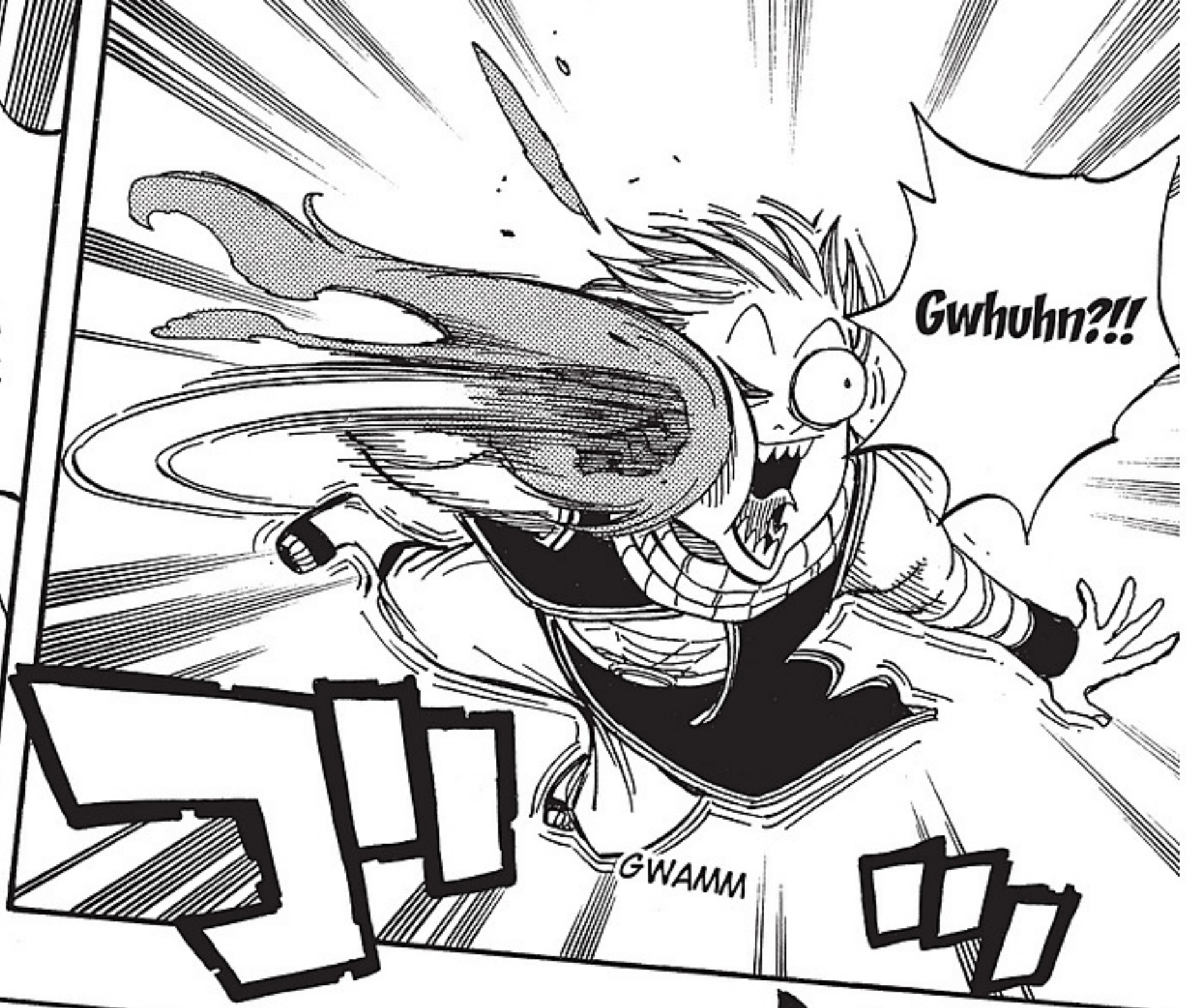












FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 53: The Heat of Battle



FAIRY TAIL

Name: Bisca Mulan

Age: 18 yrs.

Magic: The Gunner

Likes: Alzack

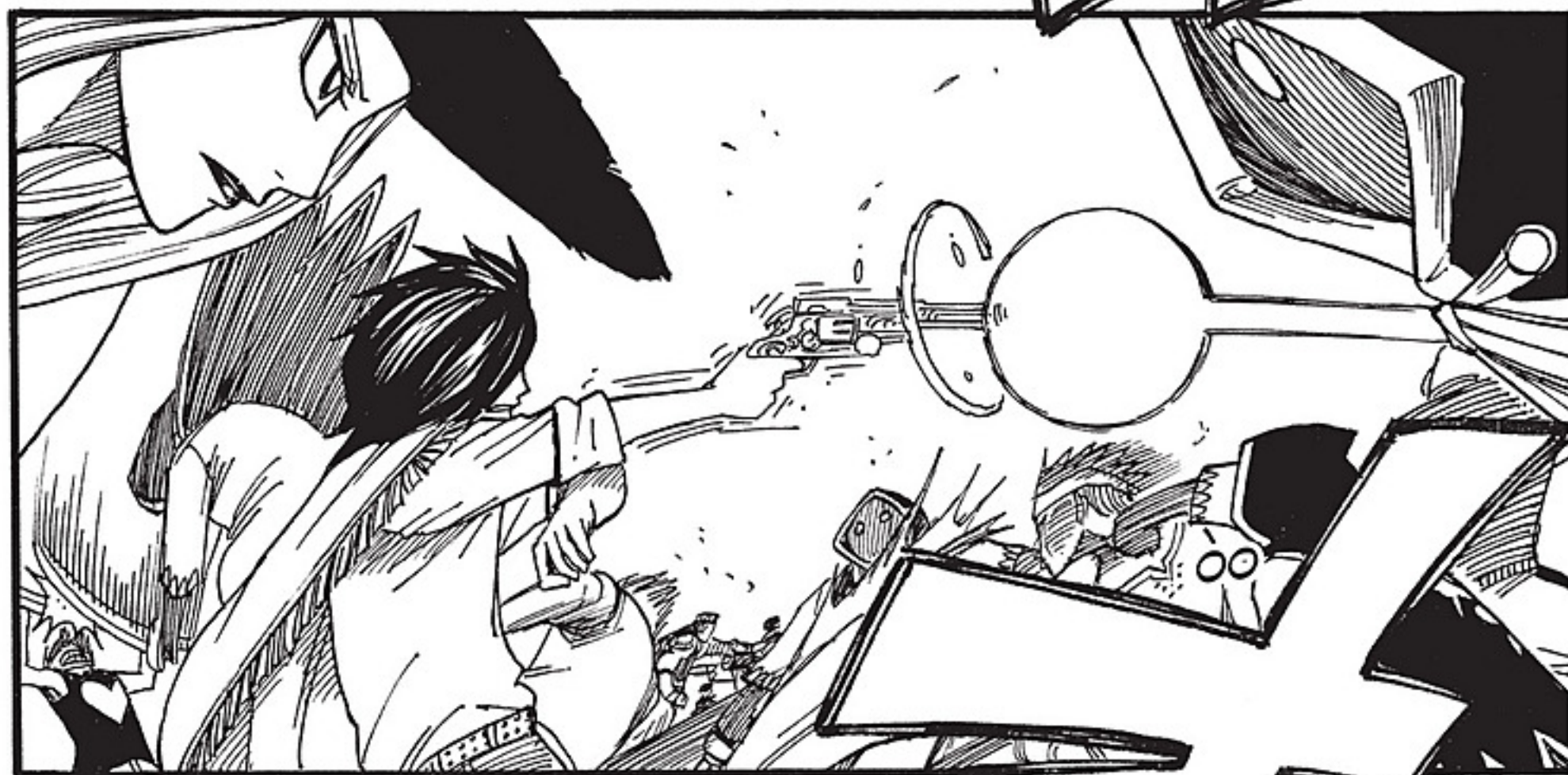
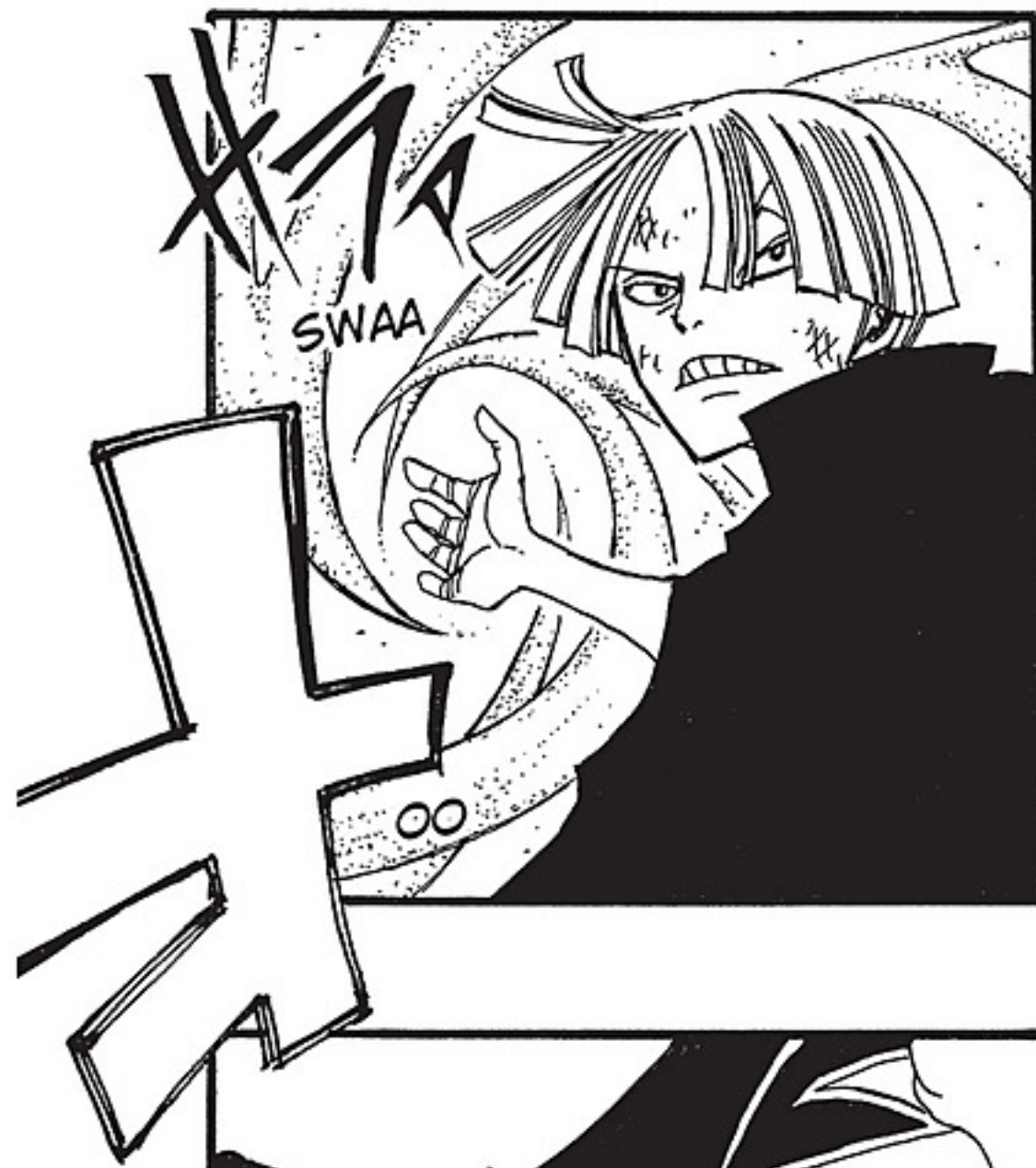
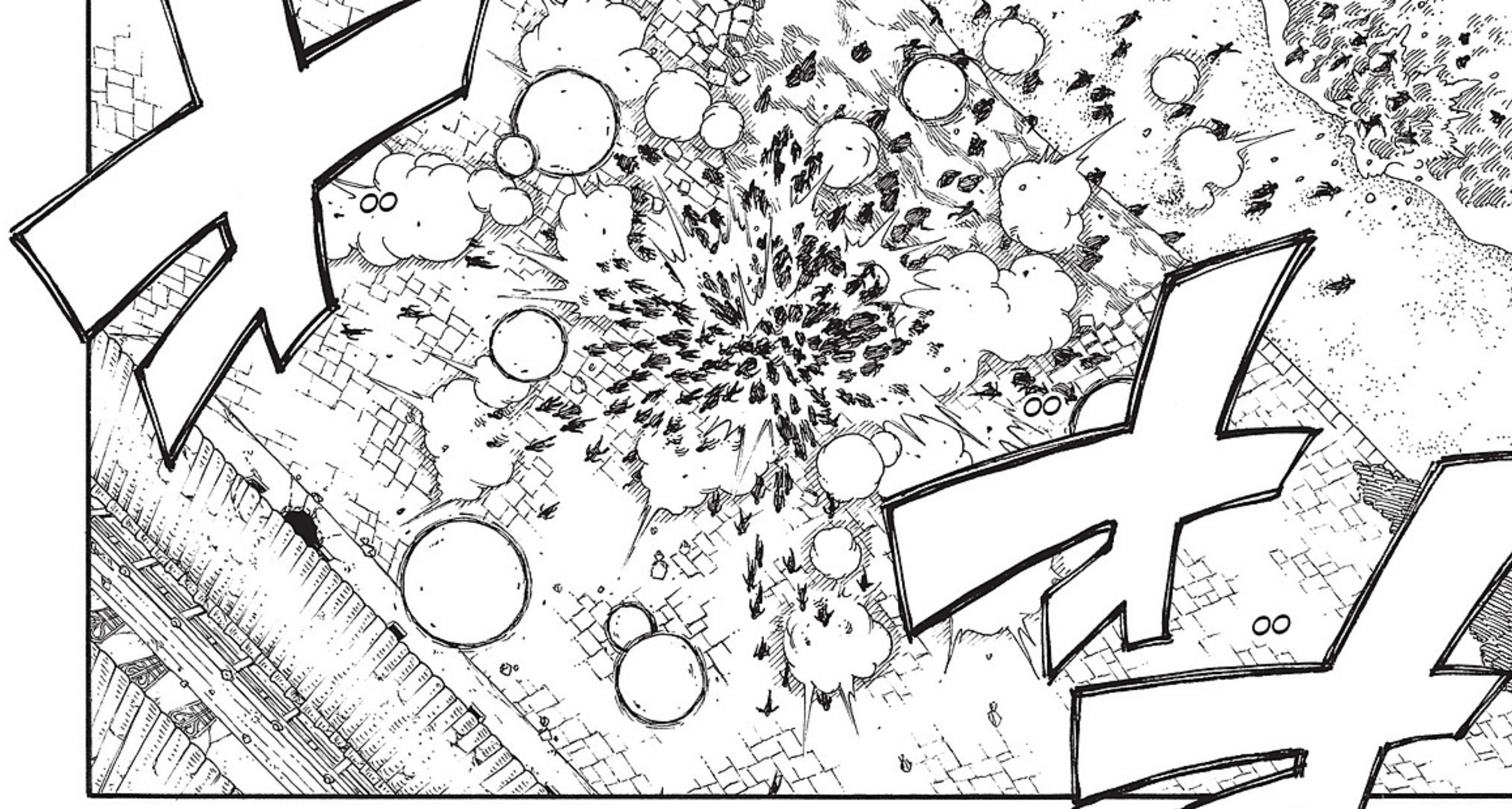
Dislikes: Sweet foods

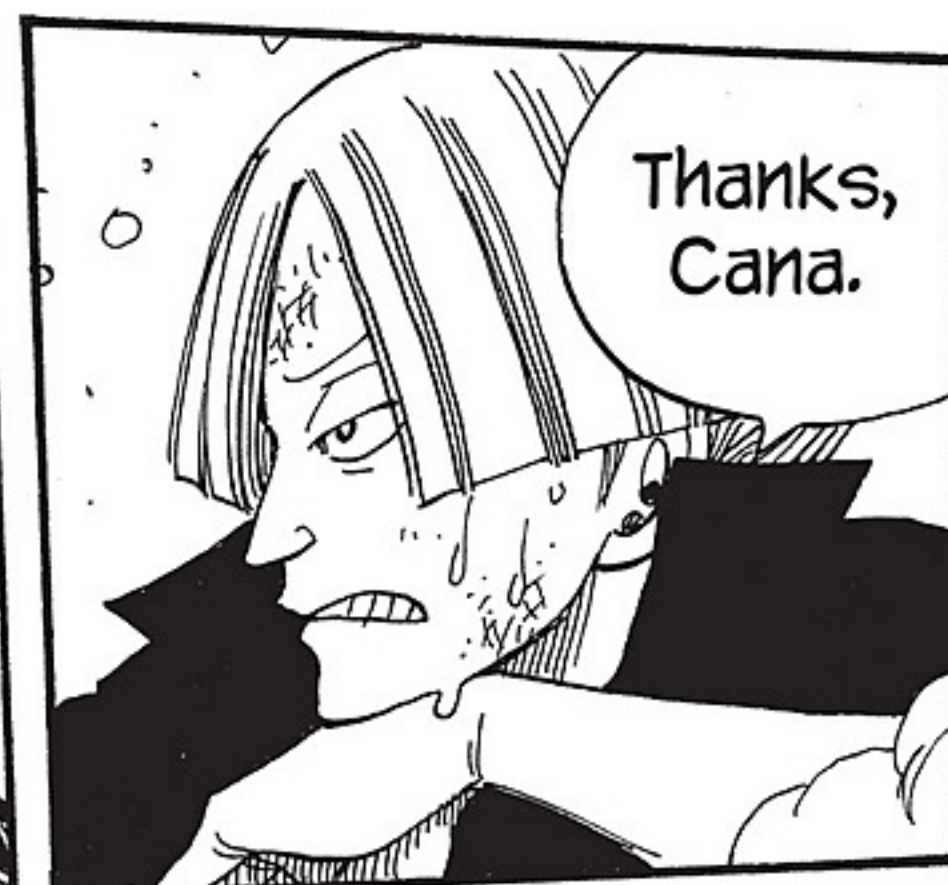
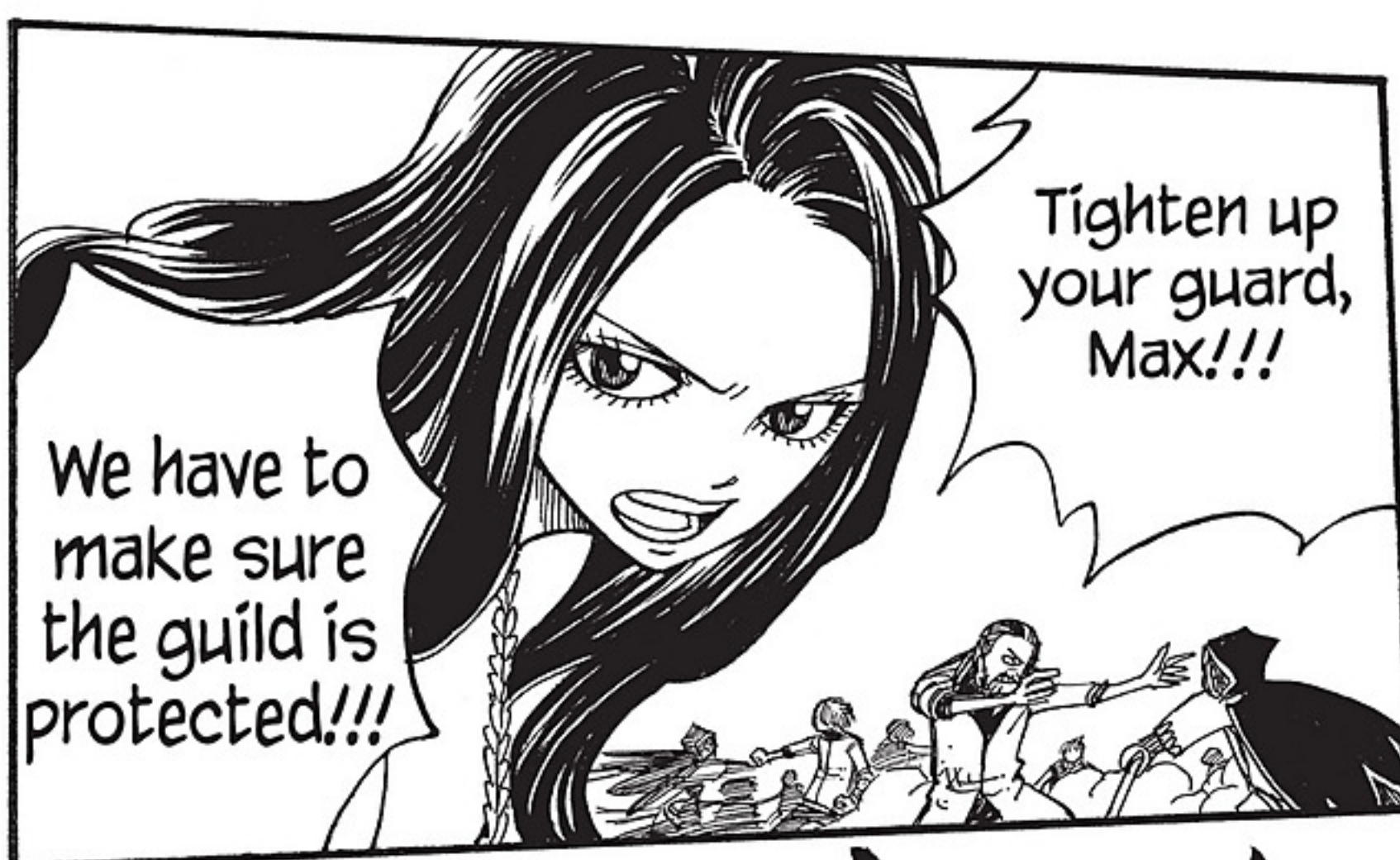
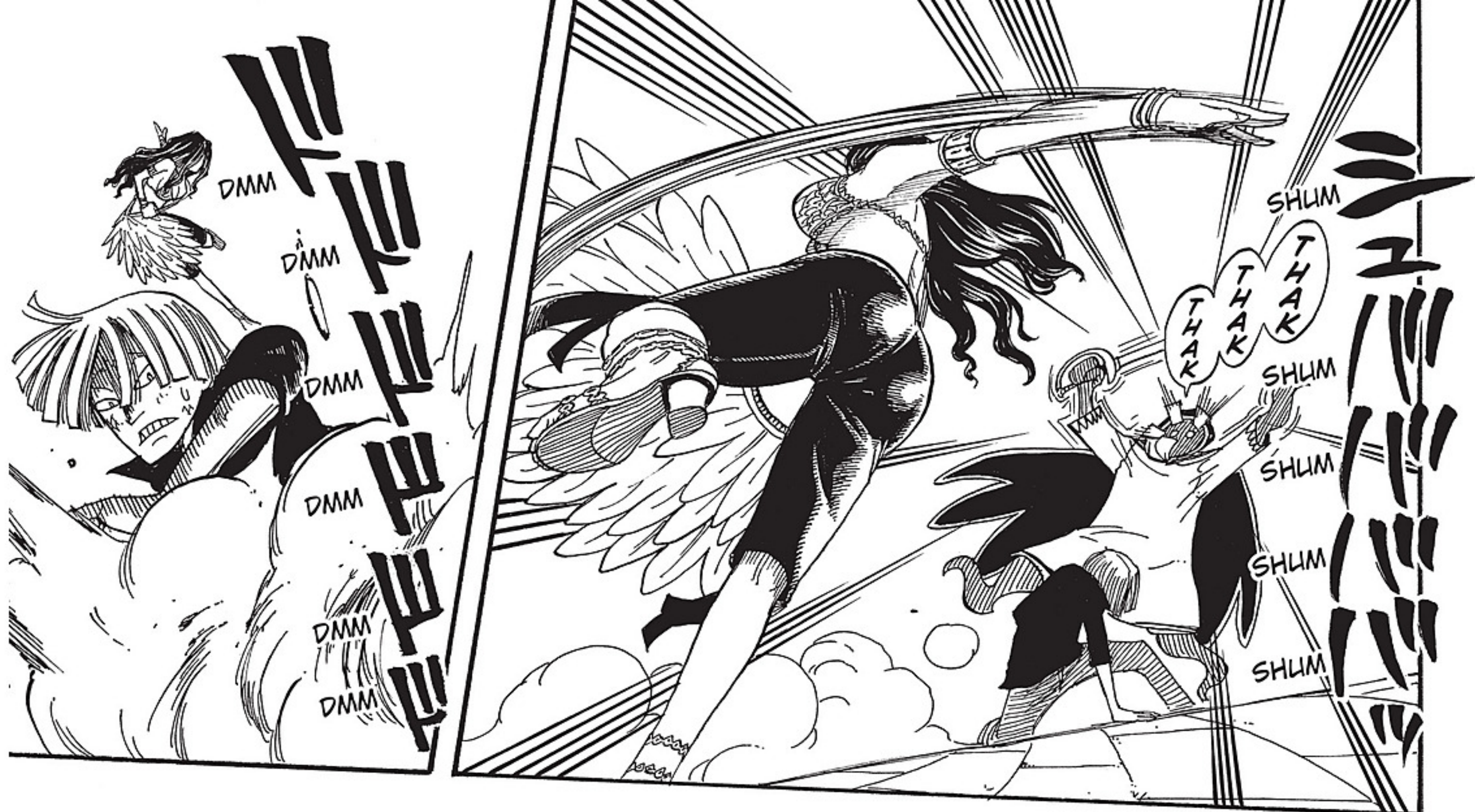


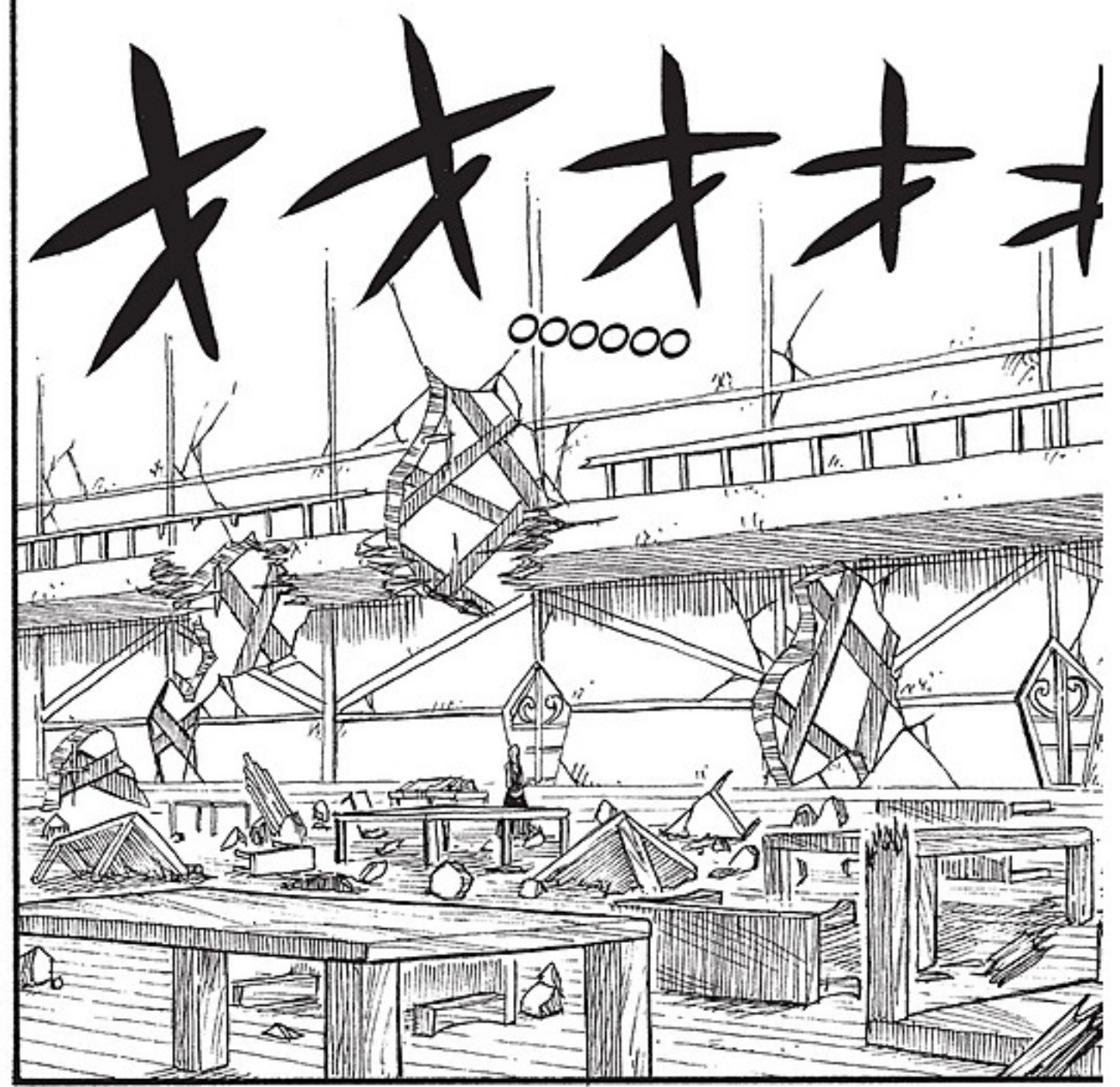
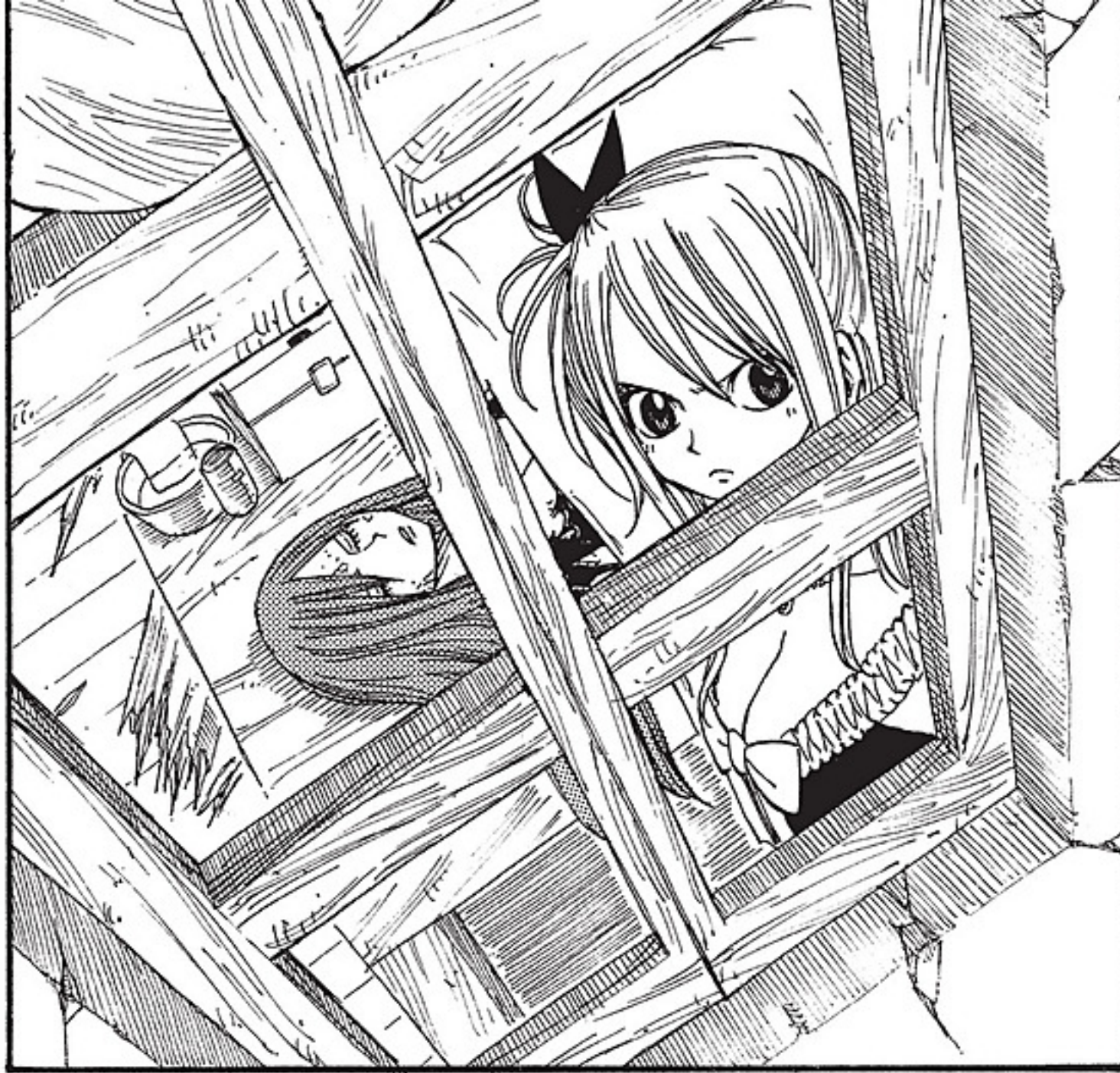
Remarks

She immigrated from the Western Continent. Her magic, the gunner, is a type that fights with a wide variety of guns that she requips (exchanged in and out from a dimension that holds them). She uses the same kind of guns as Alzack. She likes Alzack, but she hasn't been able to make her feelings known. She looks up to Erza, and so asked her advice. But Erza just shouted, "You weakling!!"

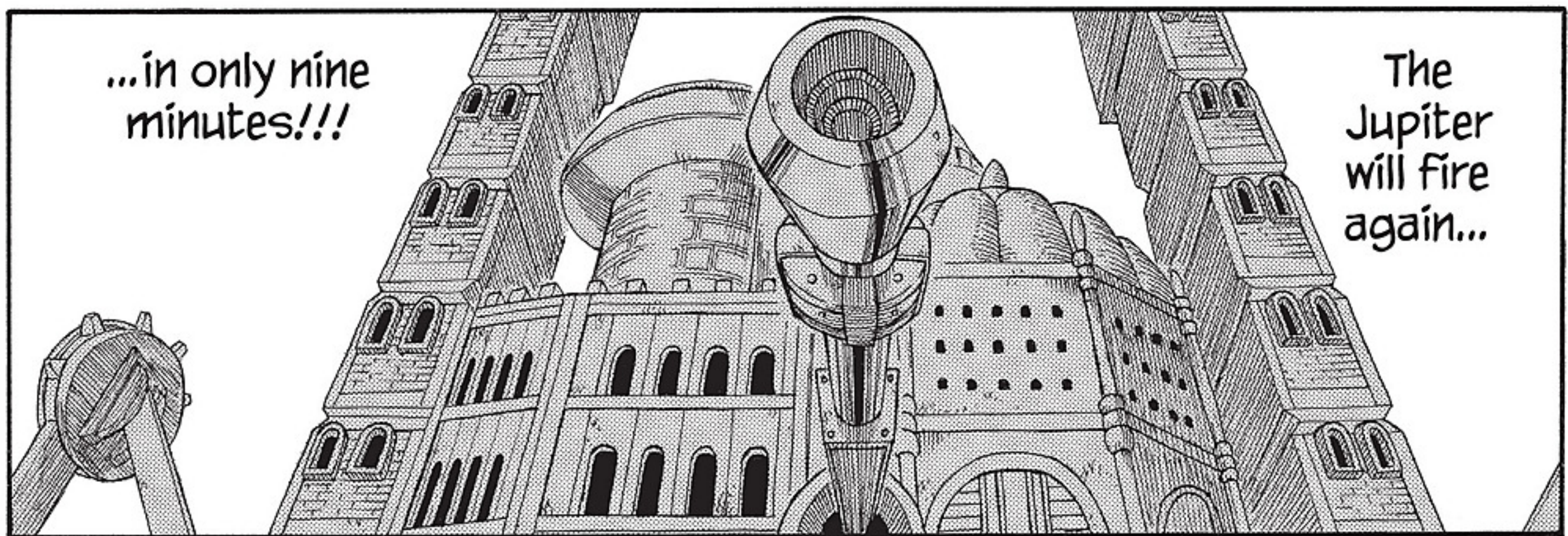
The next day, she finally decided to gather up her courage and tell him, but that was the day that Phantom attacked, and the opportunity vanished.





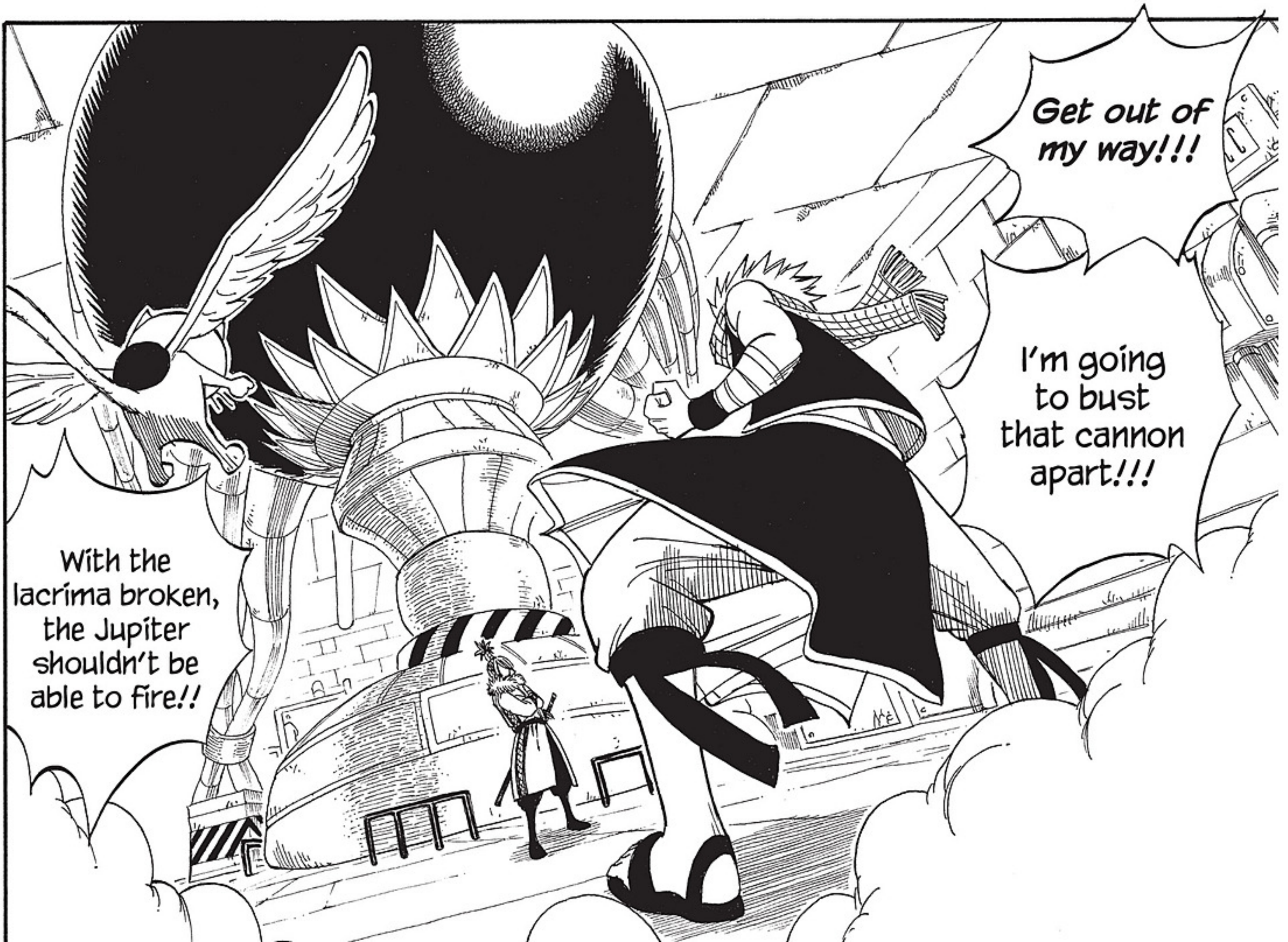


↑ Mirajane transformed into Lucy's likeness.



...in only nine minutes!!!

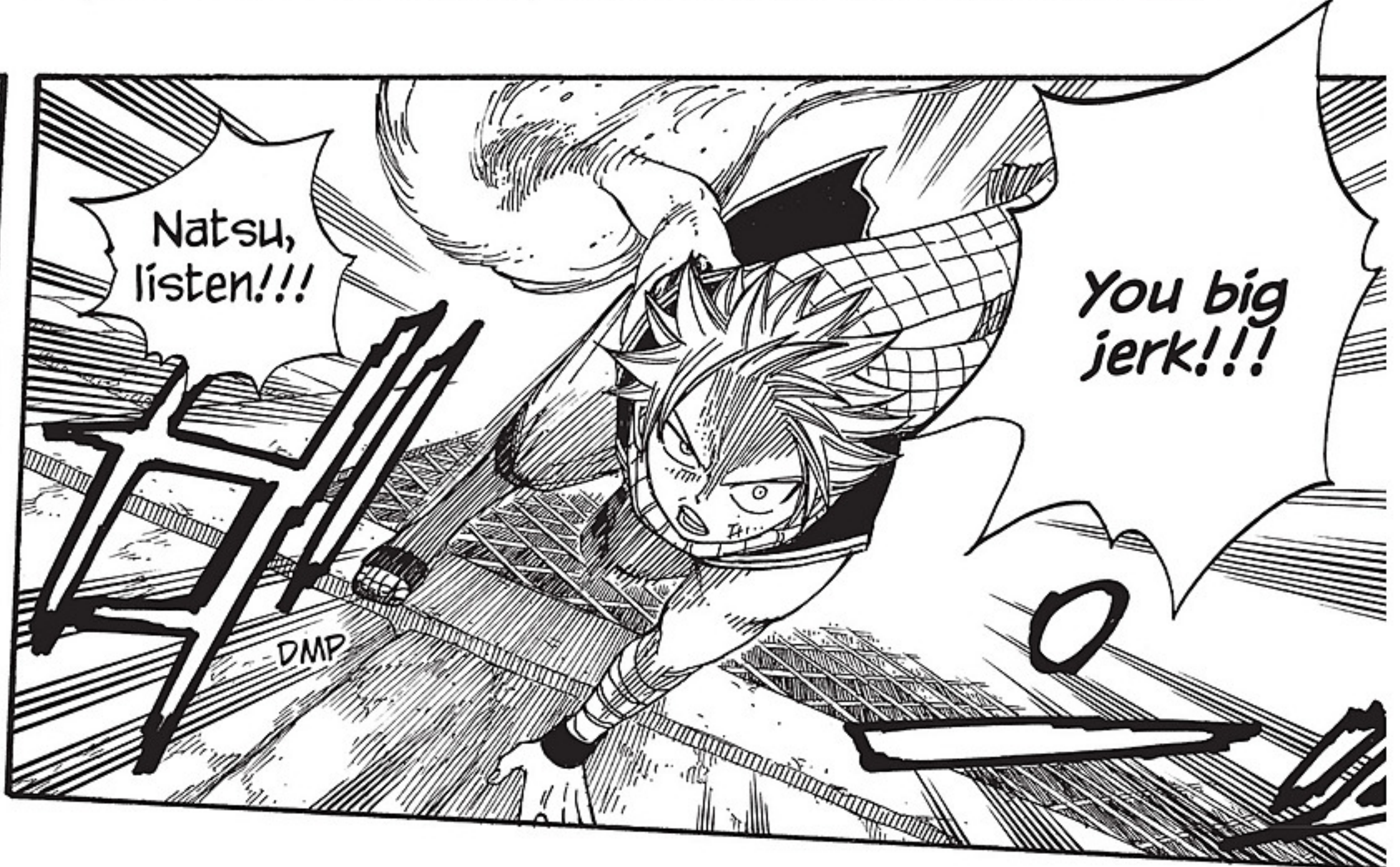
The Jupiter will fire again...

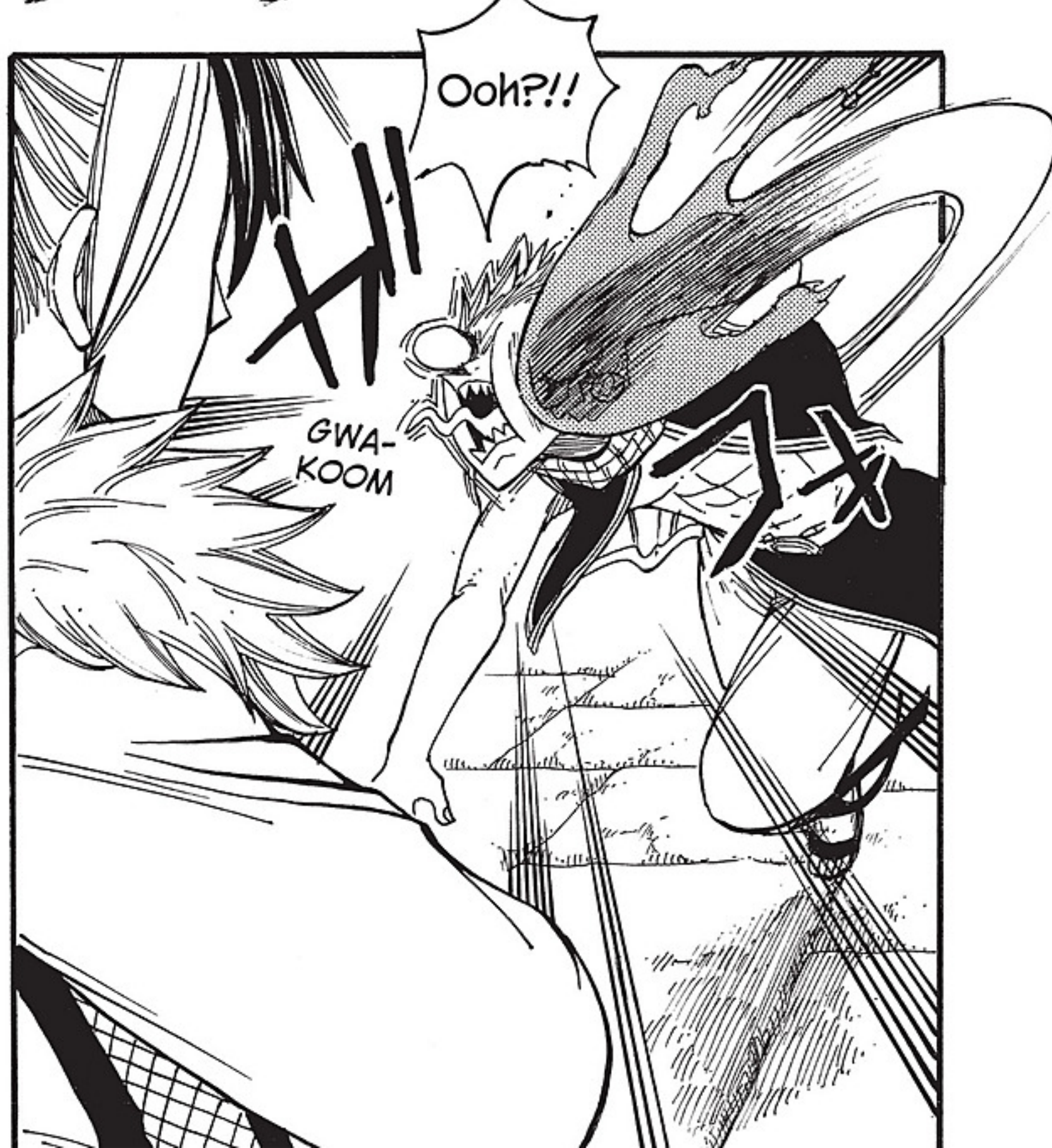
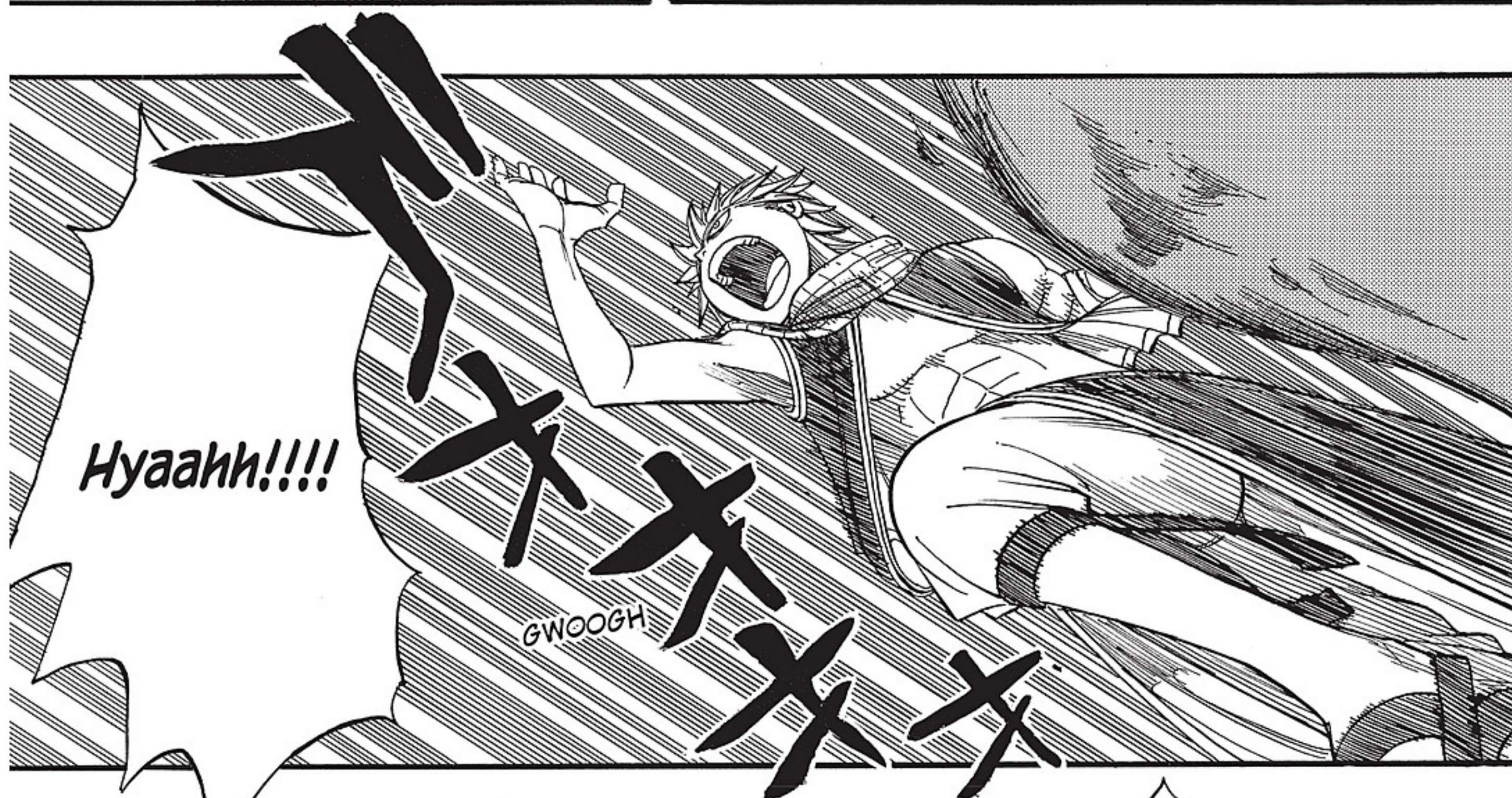


Get out of my way!!!

I'm going to bust that cannon apart!!!

With the lacrima broken, the Jupiter shouldn't be able to fire!!







Every fire is completely under my control!!

I am Totoro, and I control the element of flame.



SKREECH

KLINK



My fire is mine!!!

It may be natural or generated by an enemy, but all flames belong to me!!!



What did you say?!!



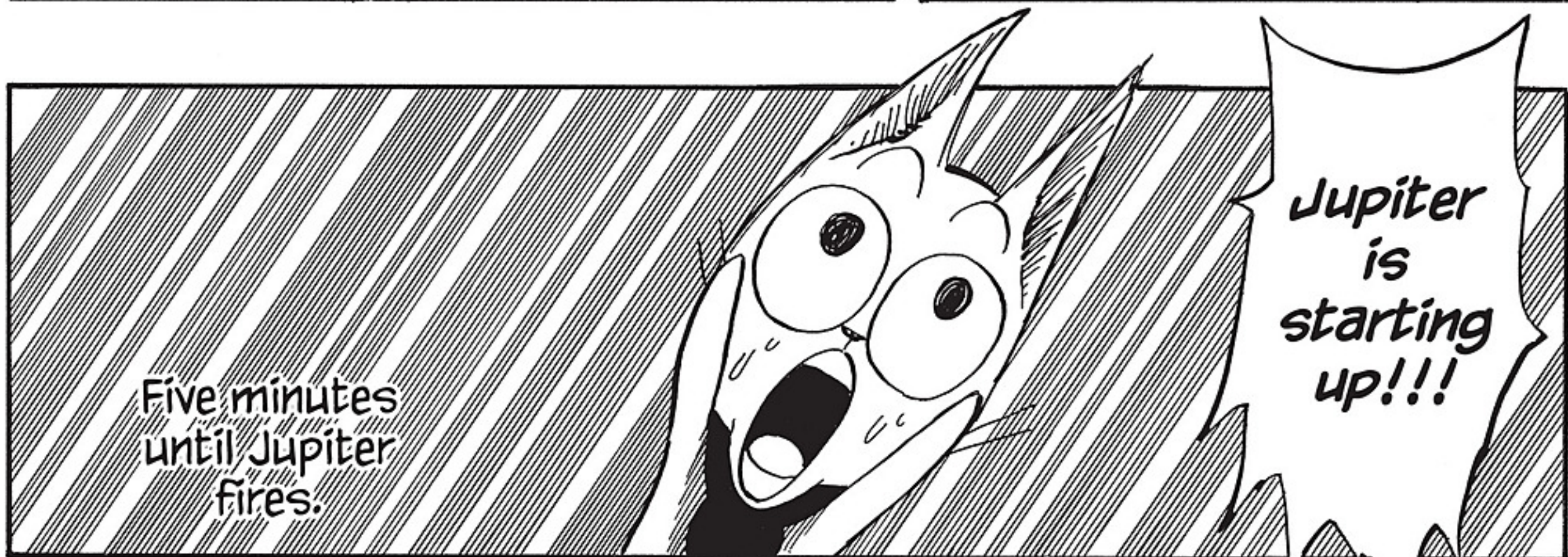
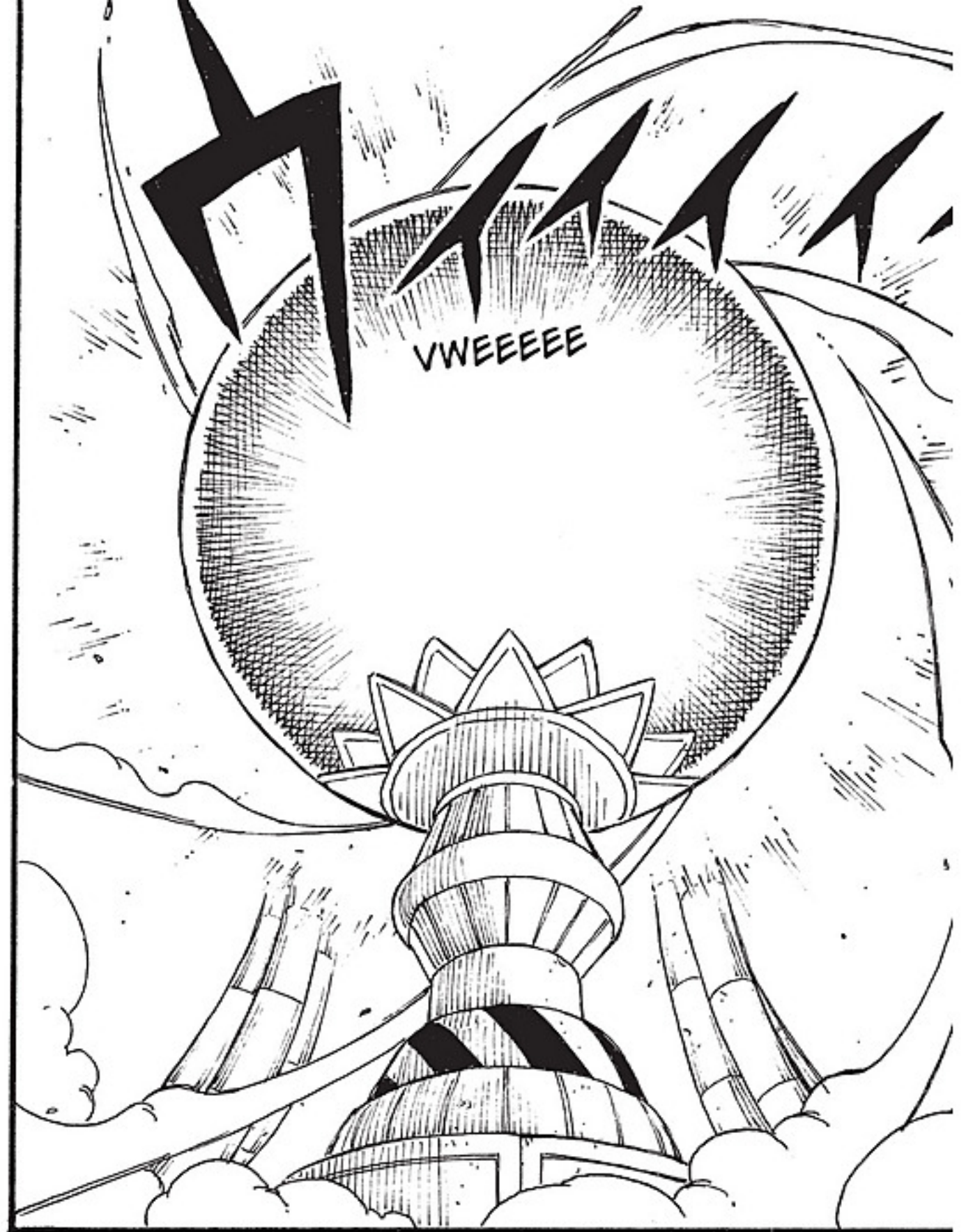
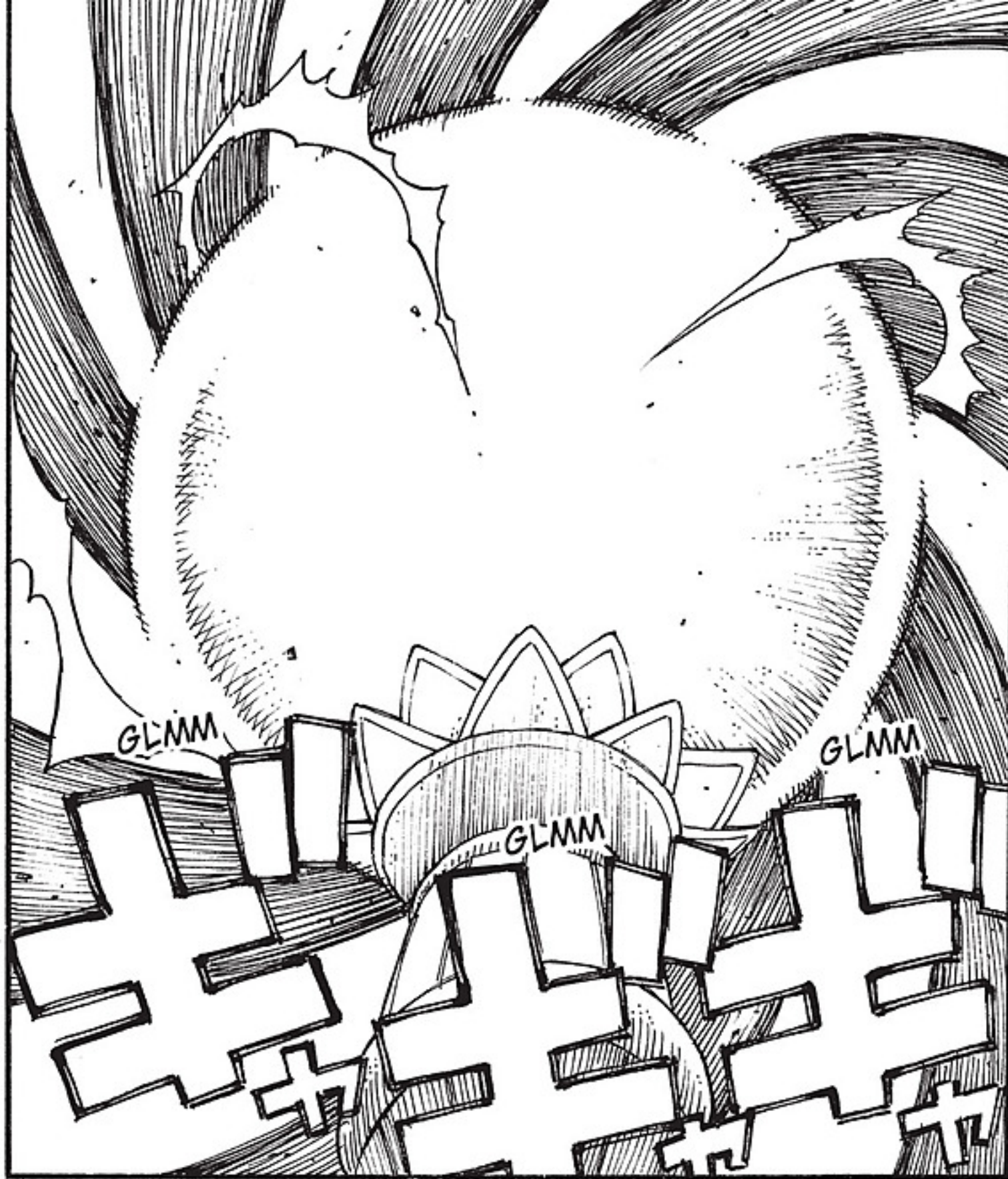
Fire Wizard !!

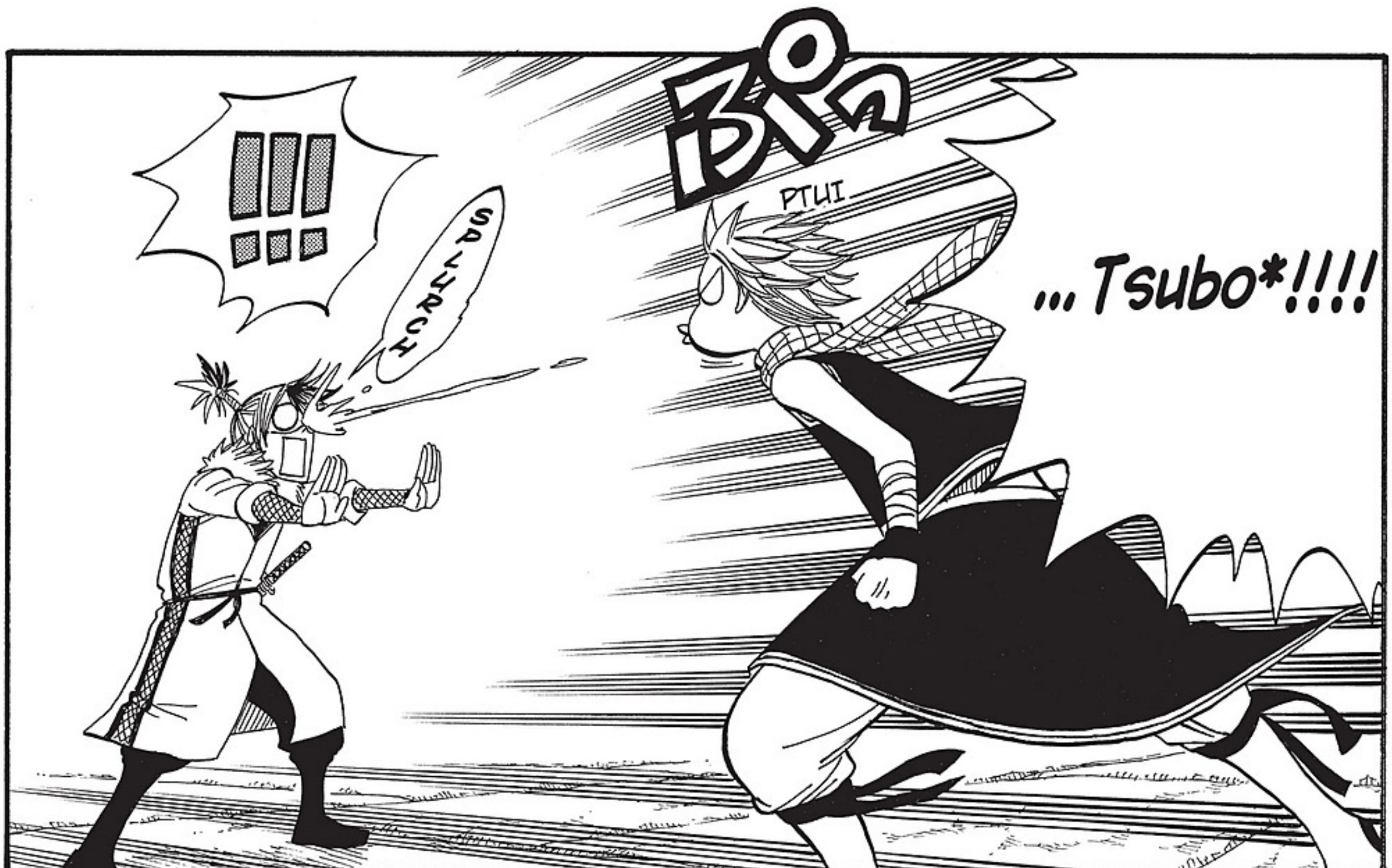
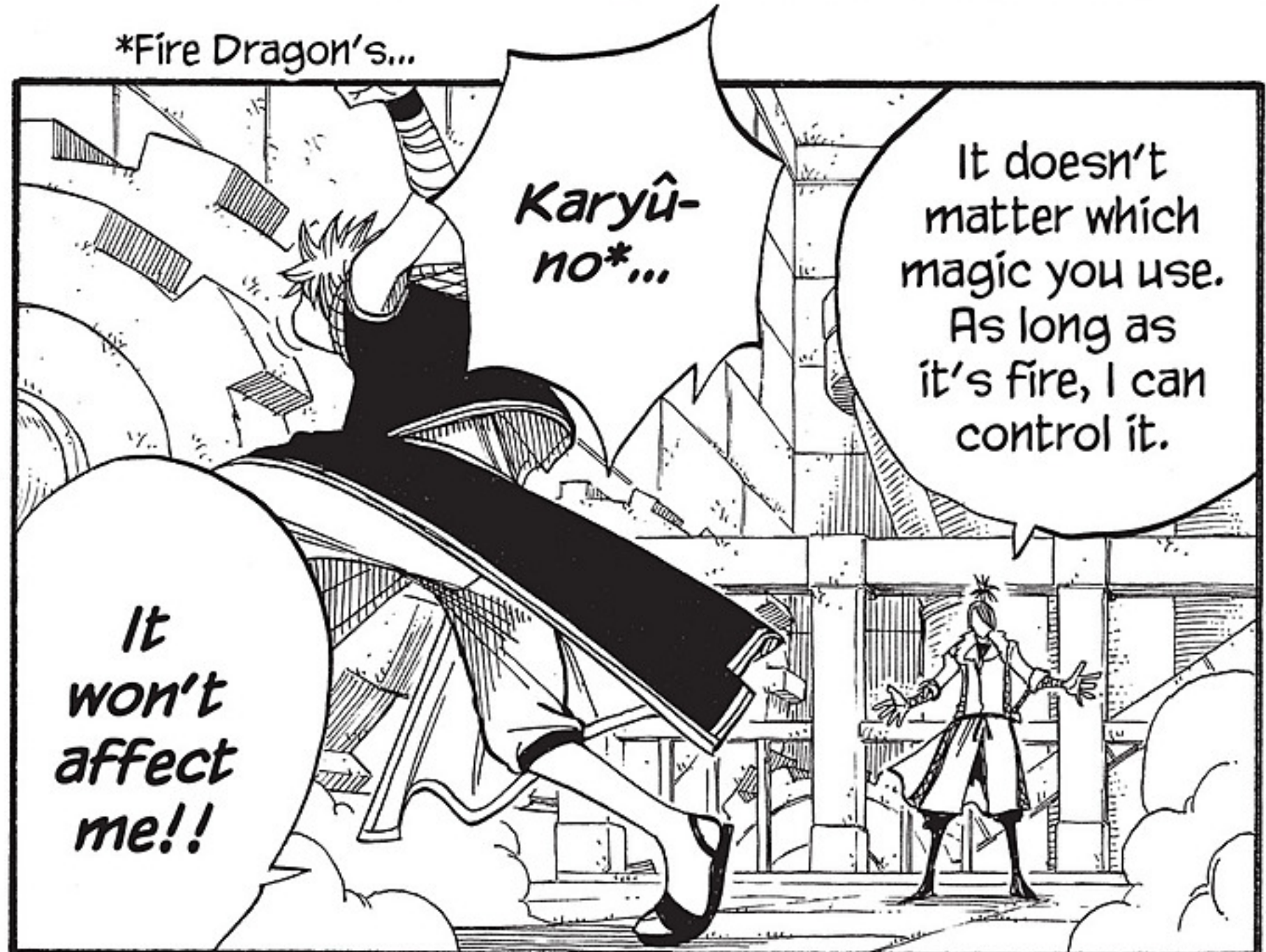
You were unlucky in your choice of opponents.



Your first job is to destroy this thing!!!

Natsu, who really cares about that?!!





*...Spit!!!!



Jupiter's
about to
fire!!!

Natsu,
we're in
trouble!!!



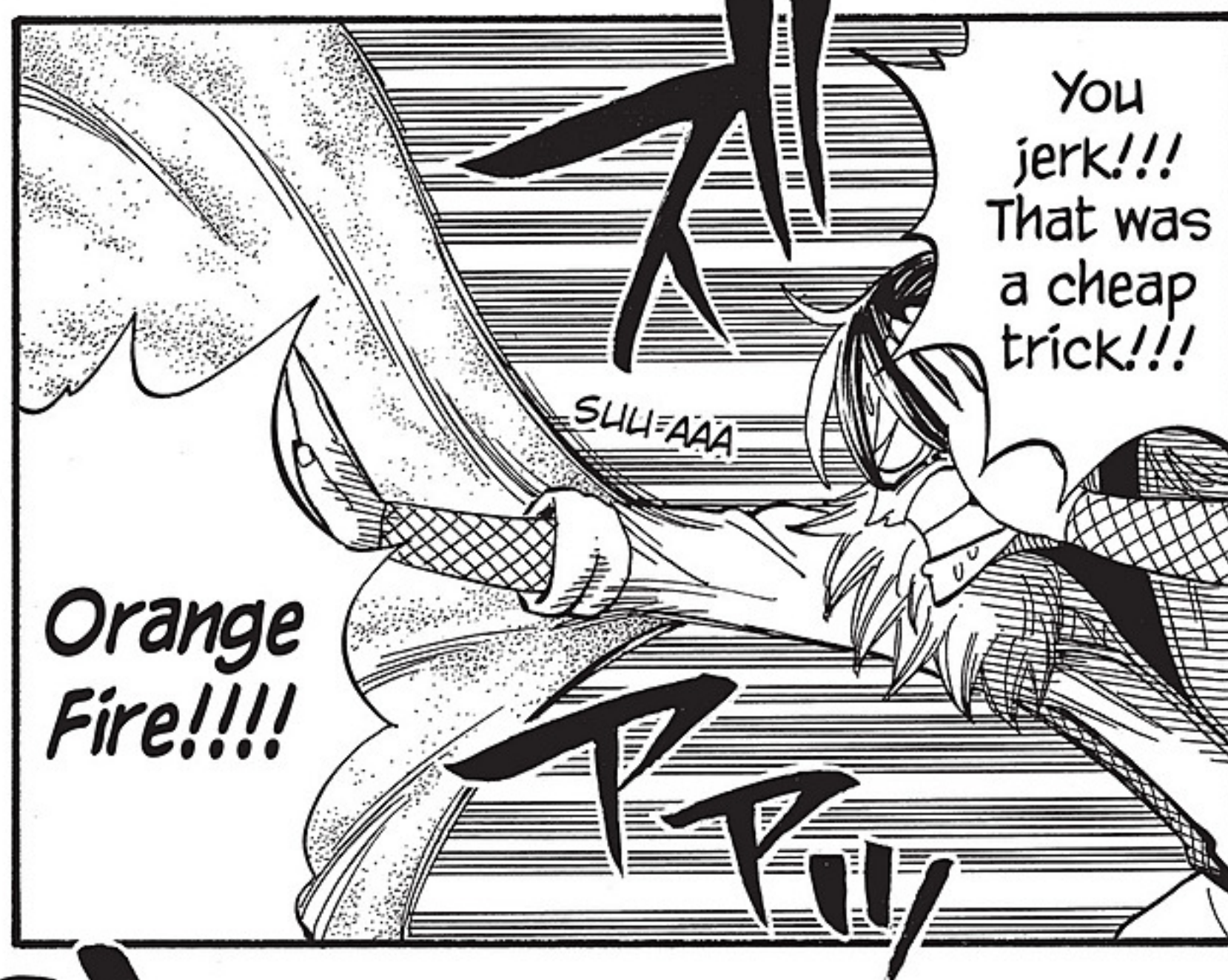
PLIP



Ah ha
ha ha
ha!!!



Fire is food to
me!! I wonder
what this will
taste like!!

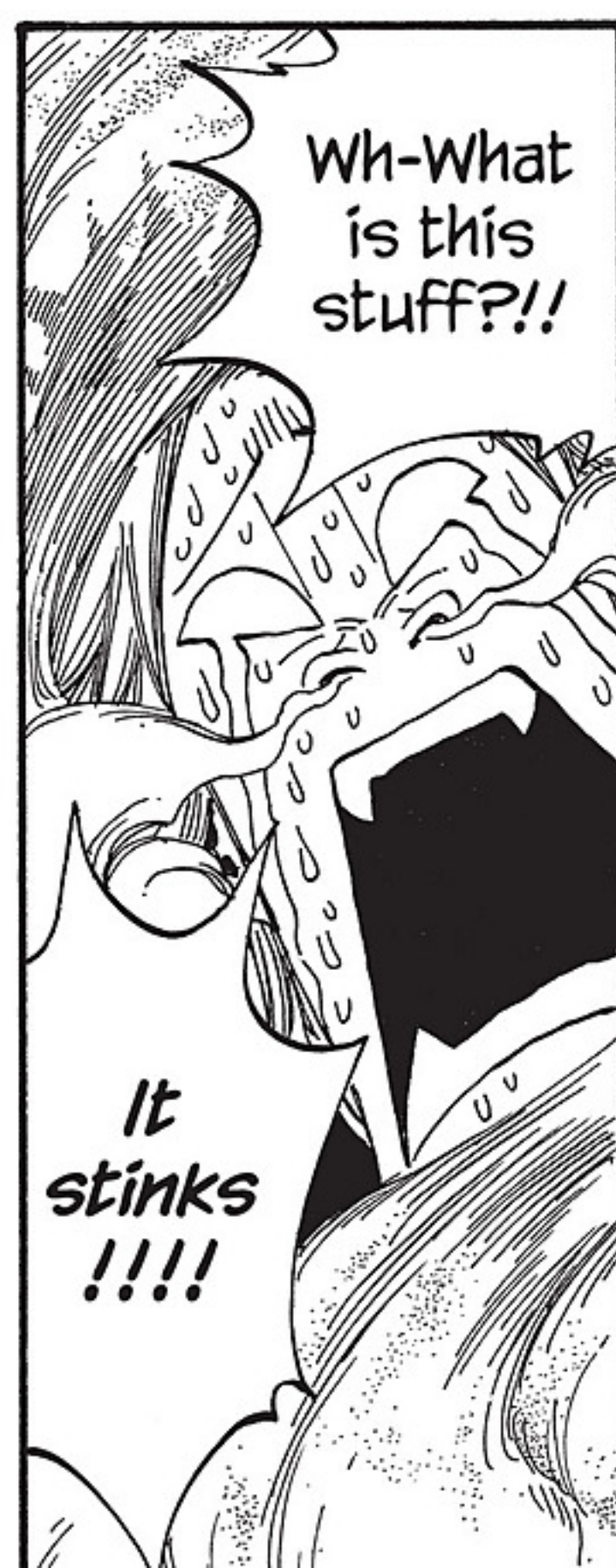


You
jerk!!!
That was
a cheap
trick!!!

Orange
Fire!!!

SLU=AAA

アアッ



Wh-What
is this
stuff?!!

It
stinks
!!!!



BWAAA

!!!

AAAA

おおおお



Two minutes and thirty seconds until Jupiter fires.



Ha ha ha!!
It's a fire that smells like turds!!!

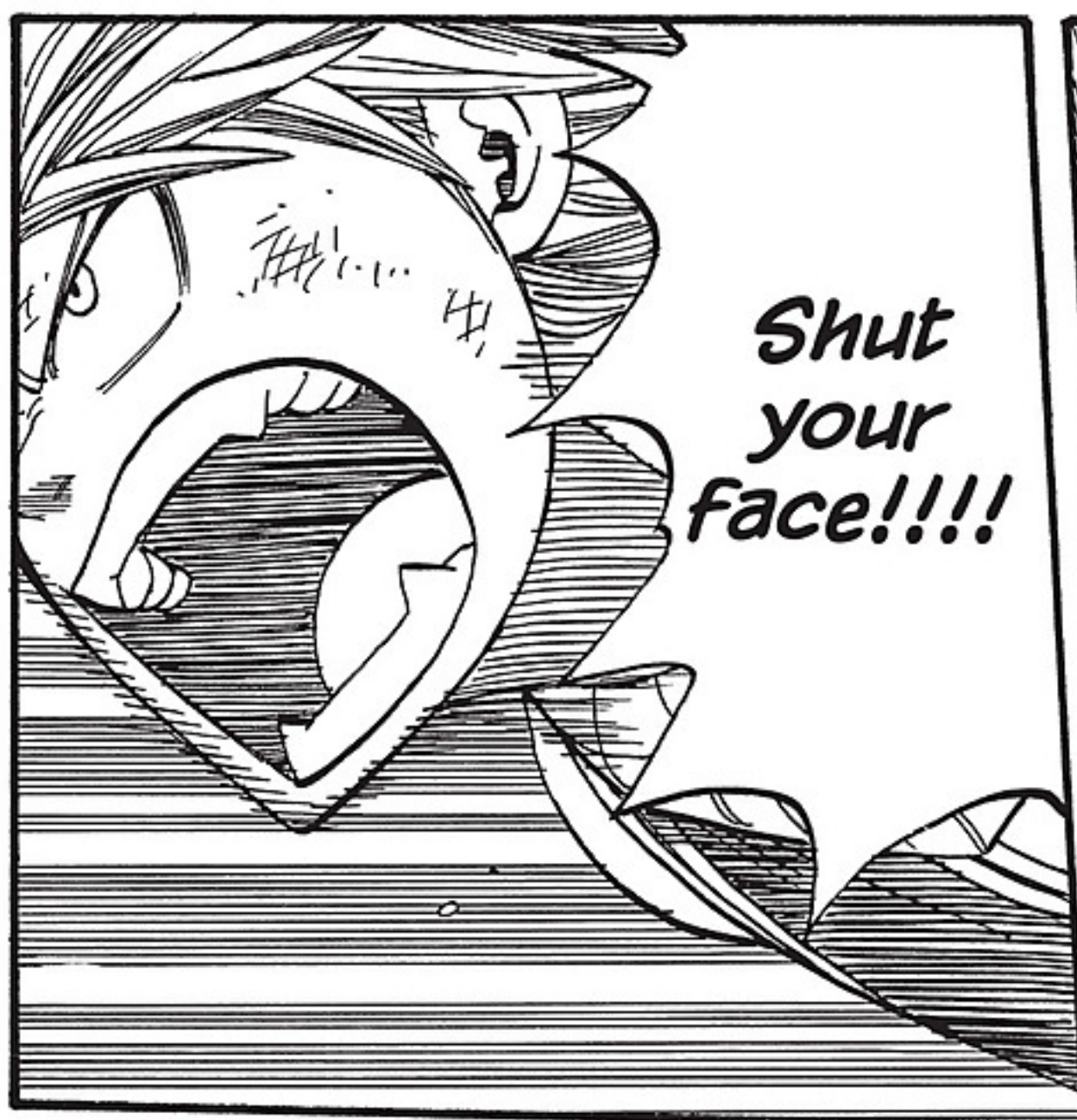
GWOOO

Uoohh!!!
It's like my nose is rotting away!!!

Y-You started the disgusting stuff!!

You've got no class, you know that?!!

OOOOOGH



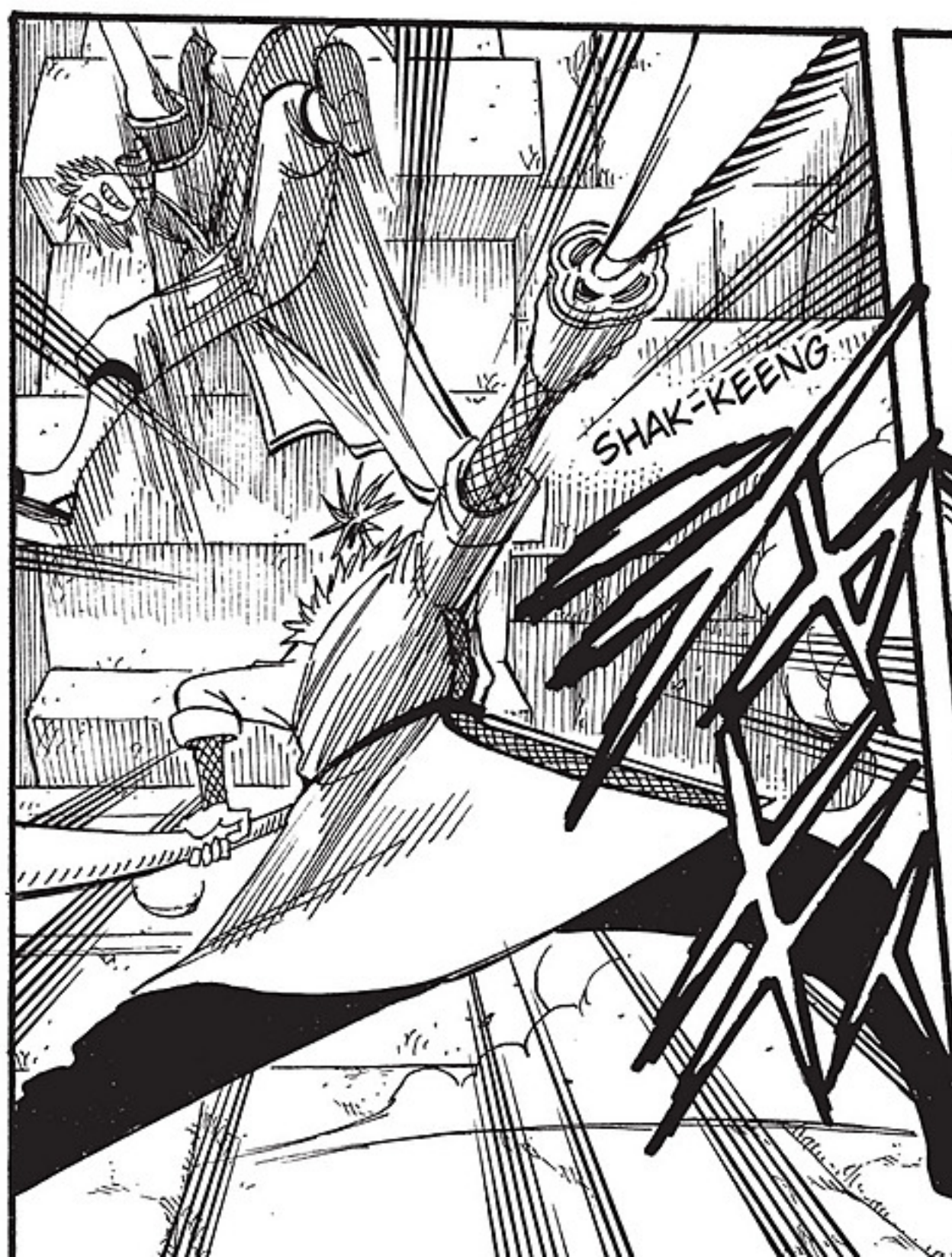
Shut your face!!!!



Natsu, forget him!!!

Calm down! Please?

Now you've got me mad!!!!



SHAK-KEENG

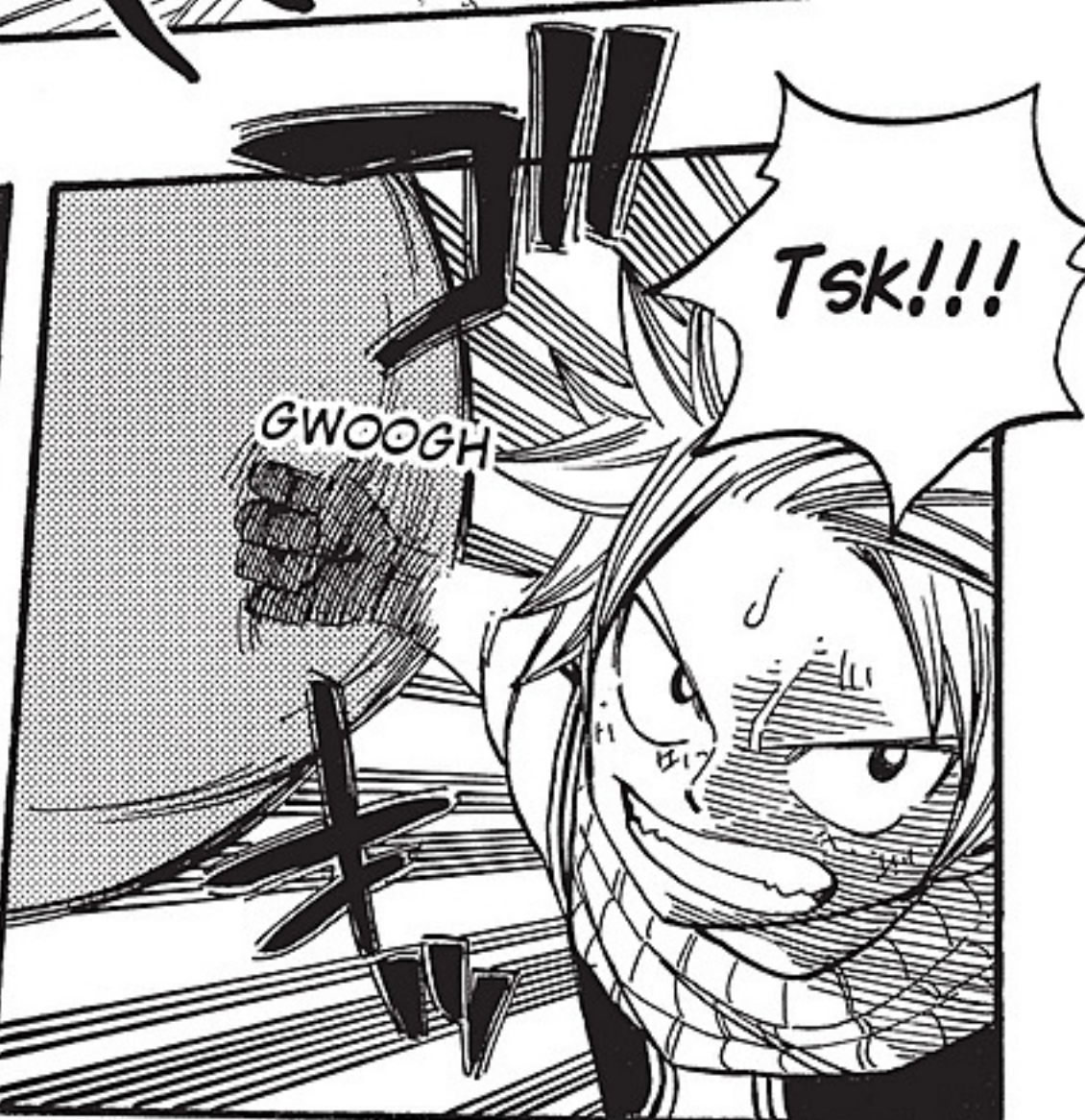
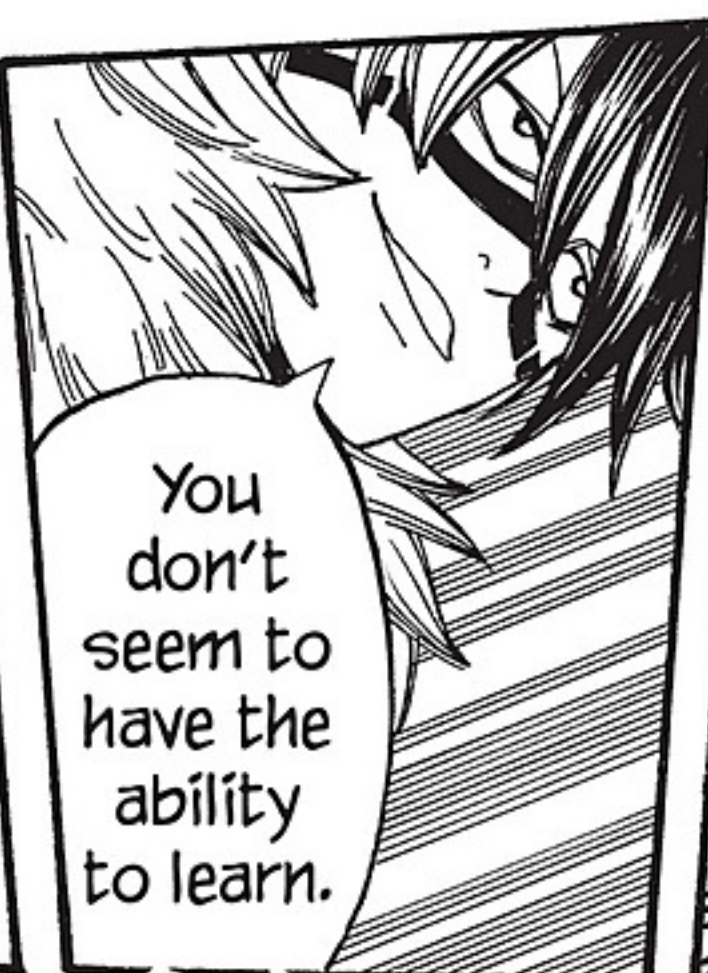
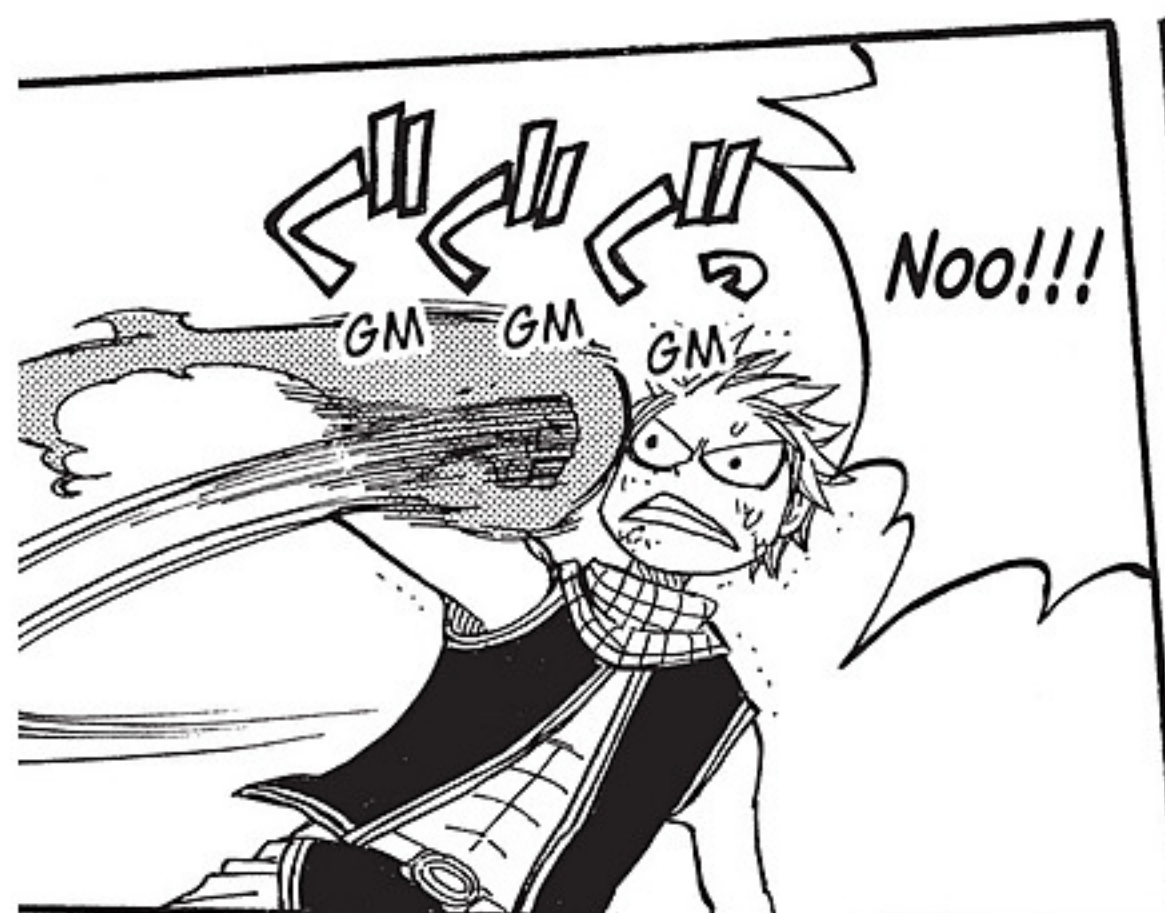
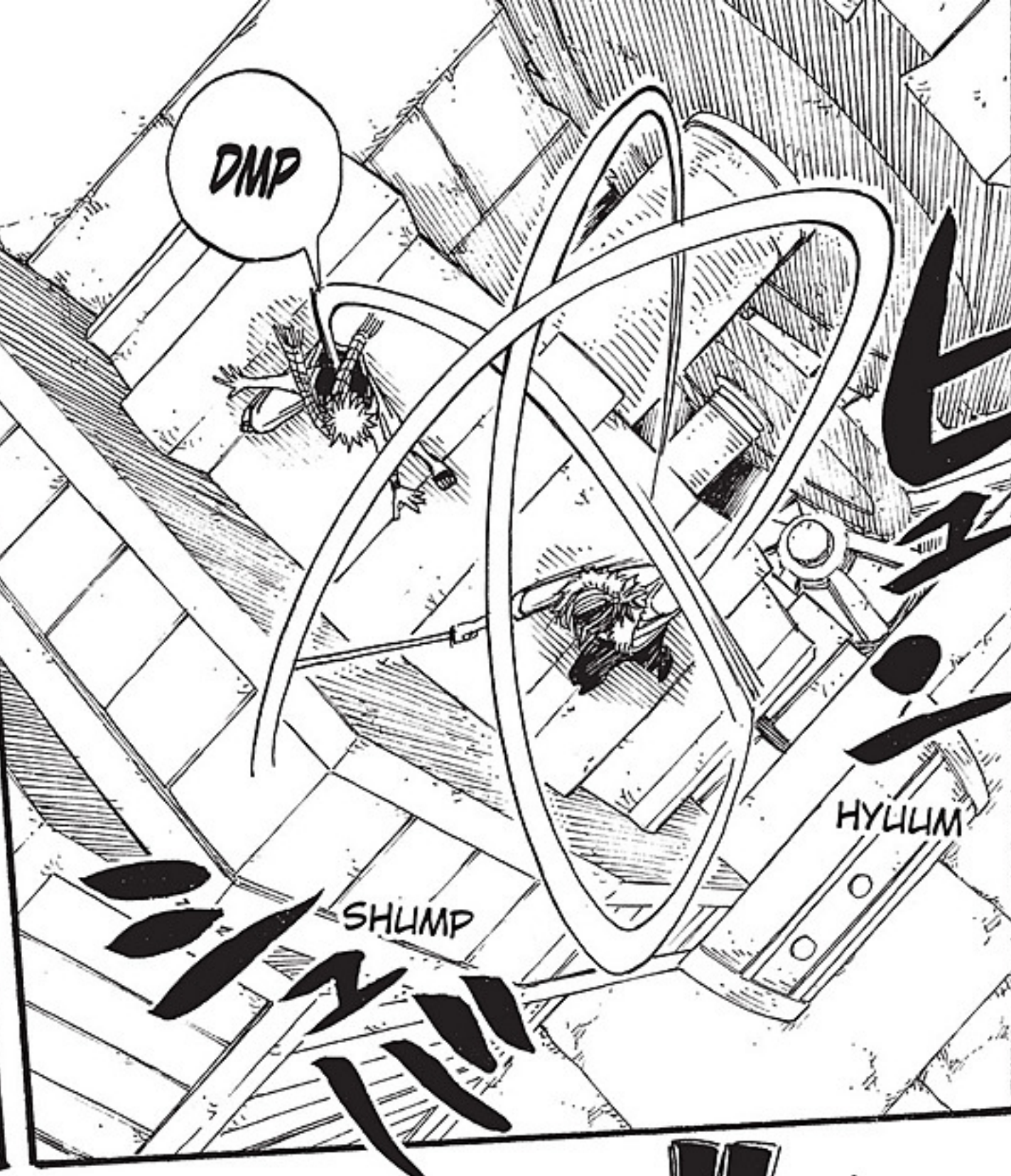
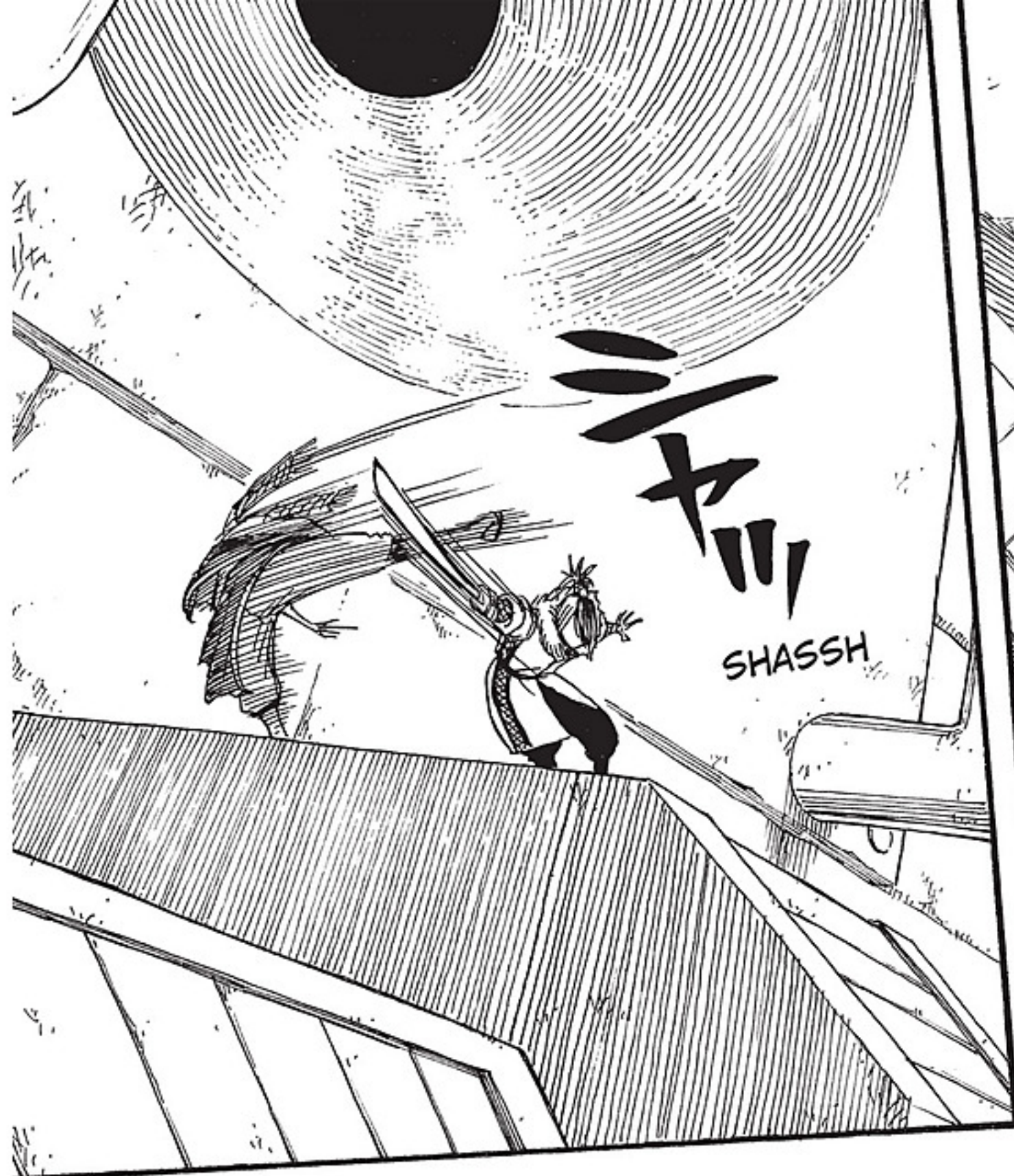
That's fine. I have a sword, so the advantage is mine!!

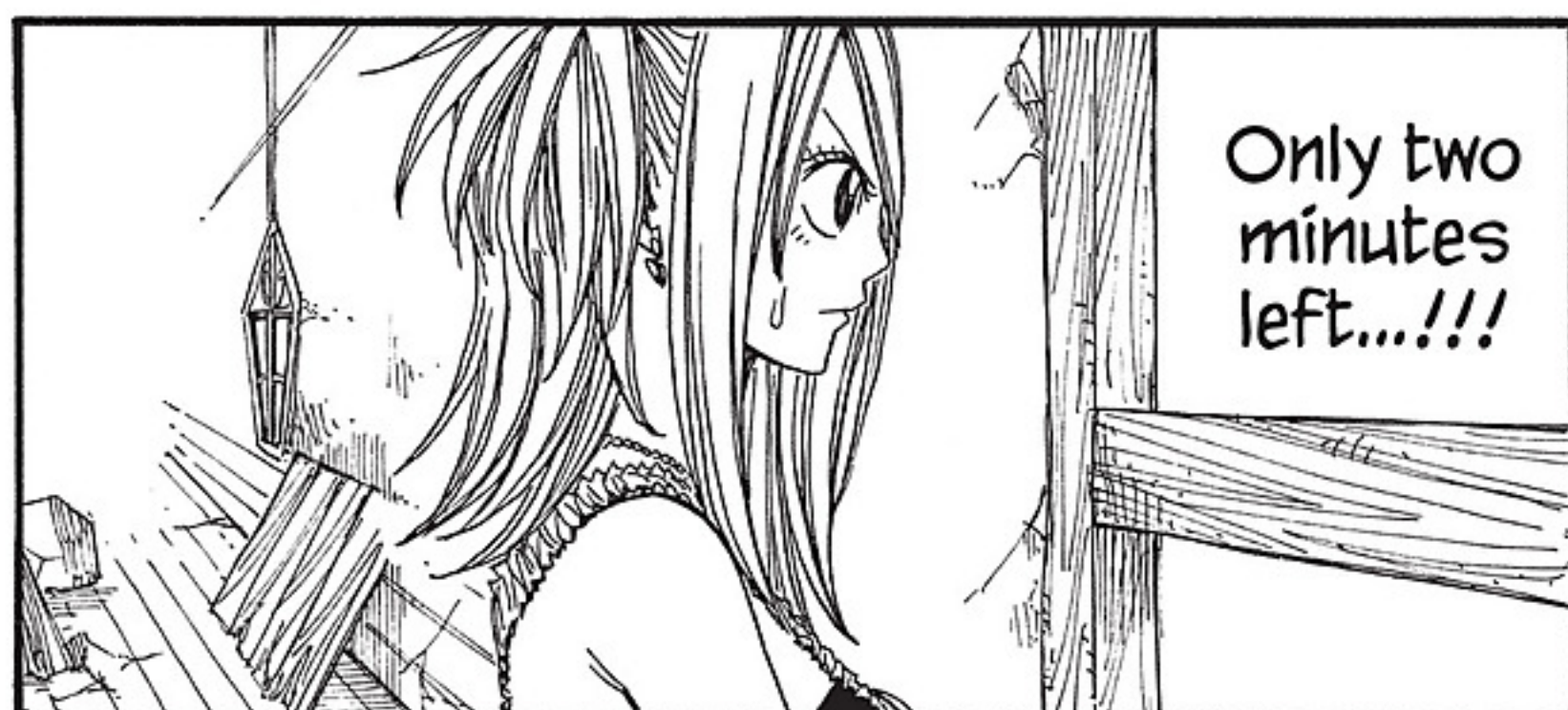
So you've given up magic, and now you simply want to brawl?



FWOOM

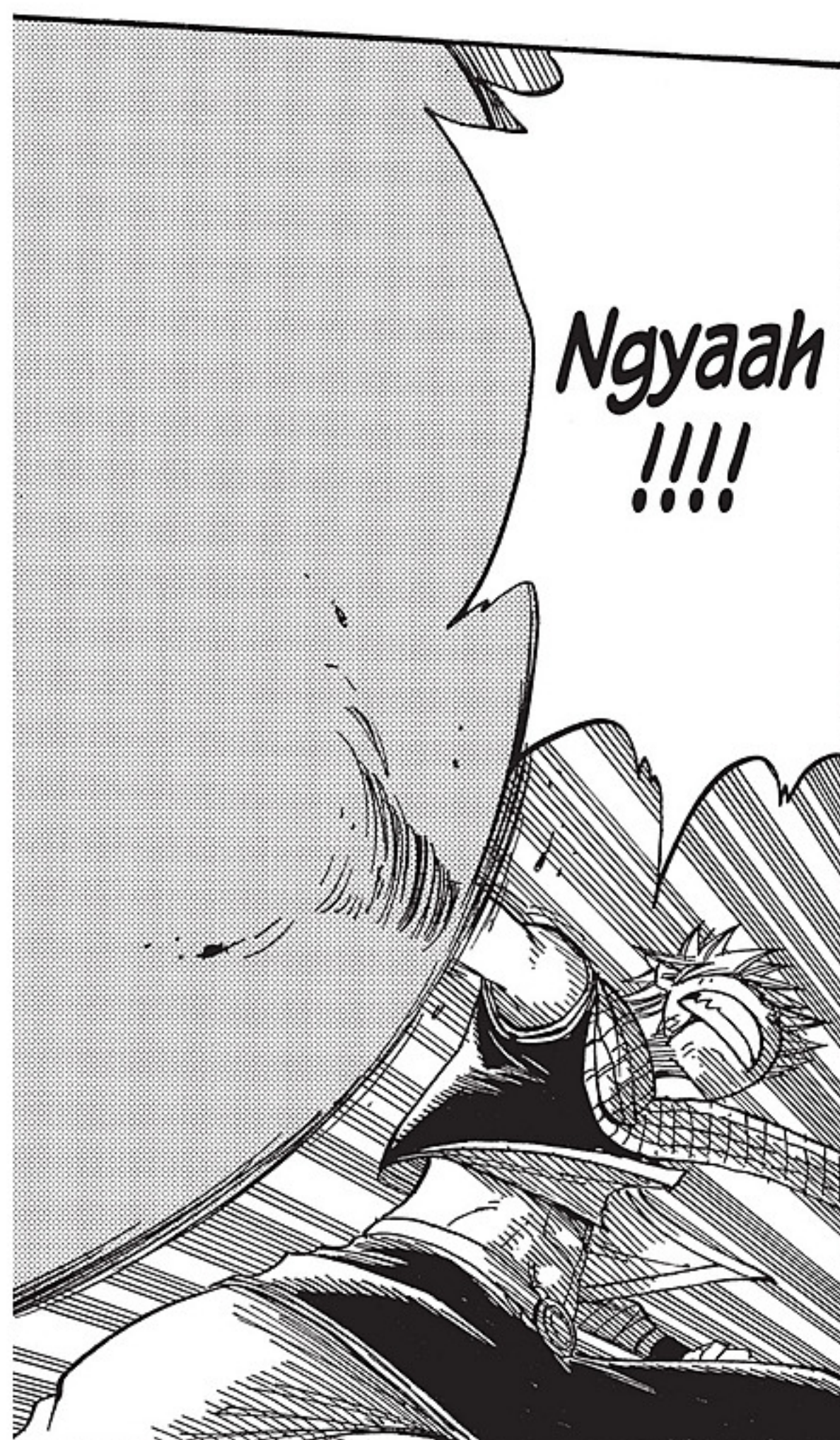
WHOOOSH



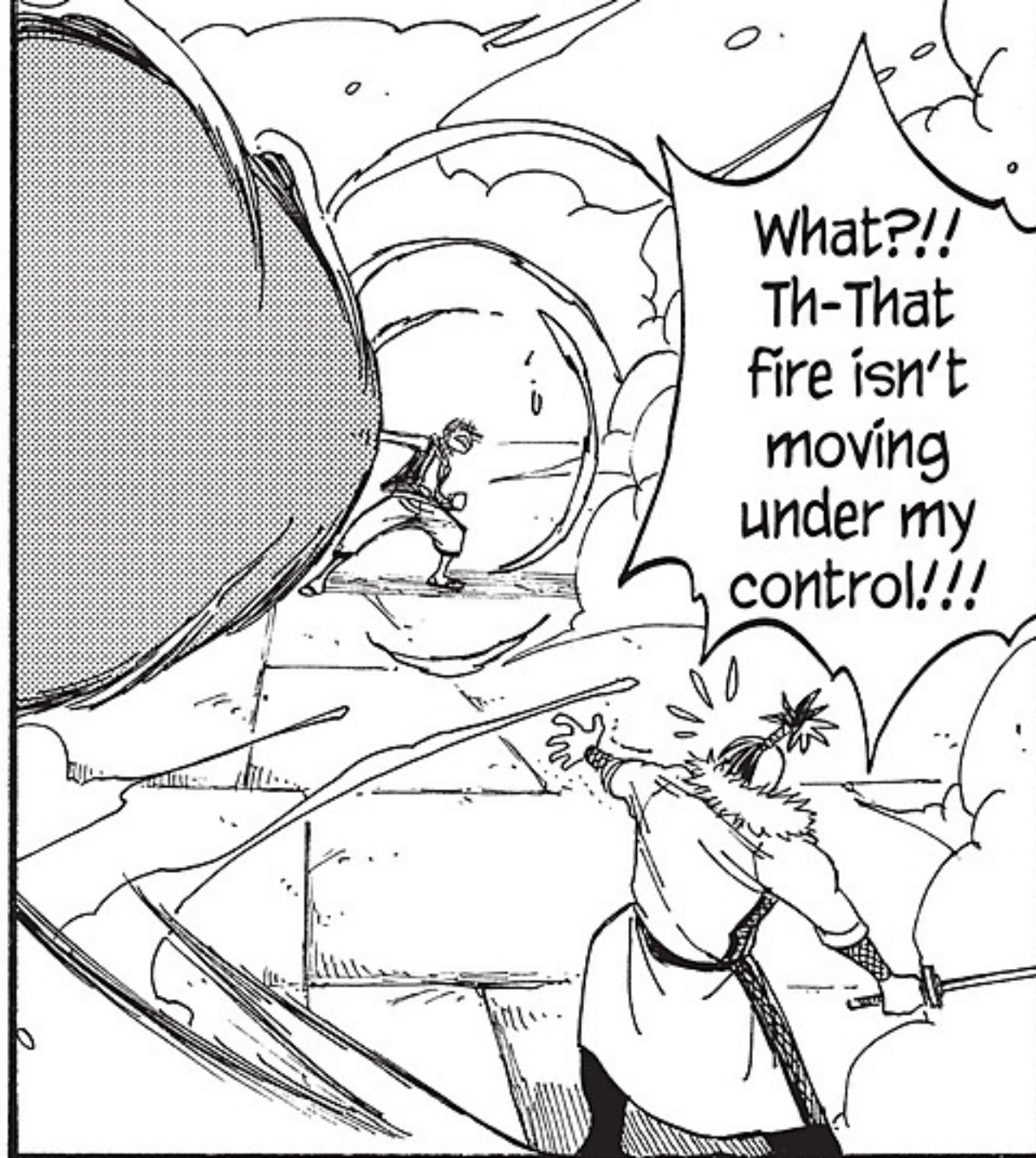




Natsu
!!!!



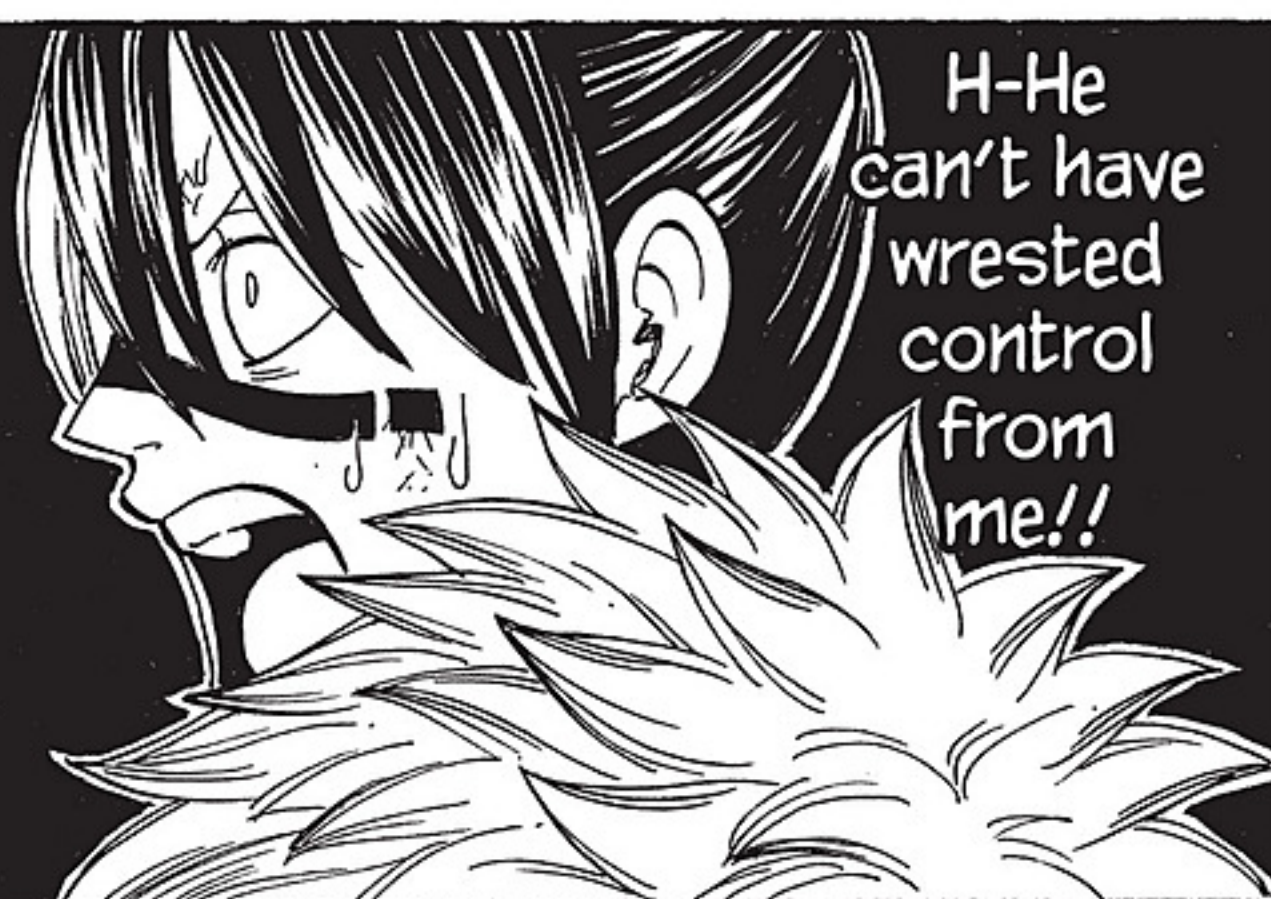
Urrggh!!!



Thirty-two seconds
until Jupiter fires.

Natsu!!!

He figured
out the
concept
in the
middle of a
battle?!!



H-He
can't have
wrested
control
from
me!!



**It's my
fire!!!!**

**I'm not
going
to let
anybody
else use
it!!!!**



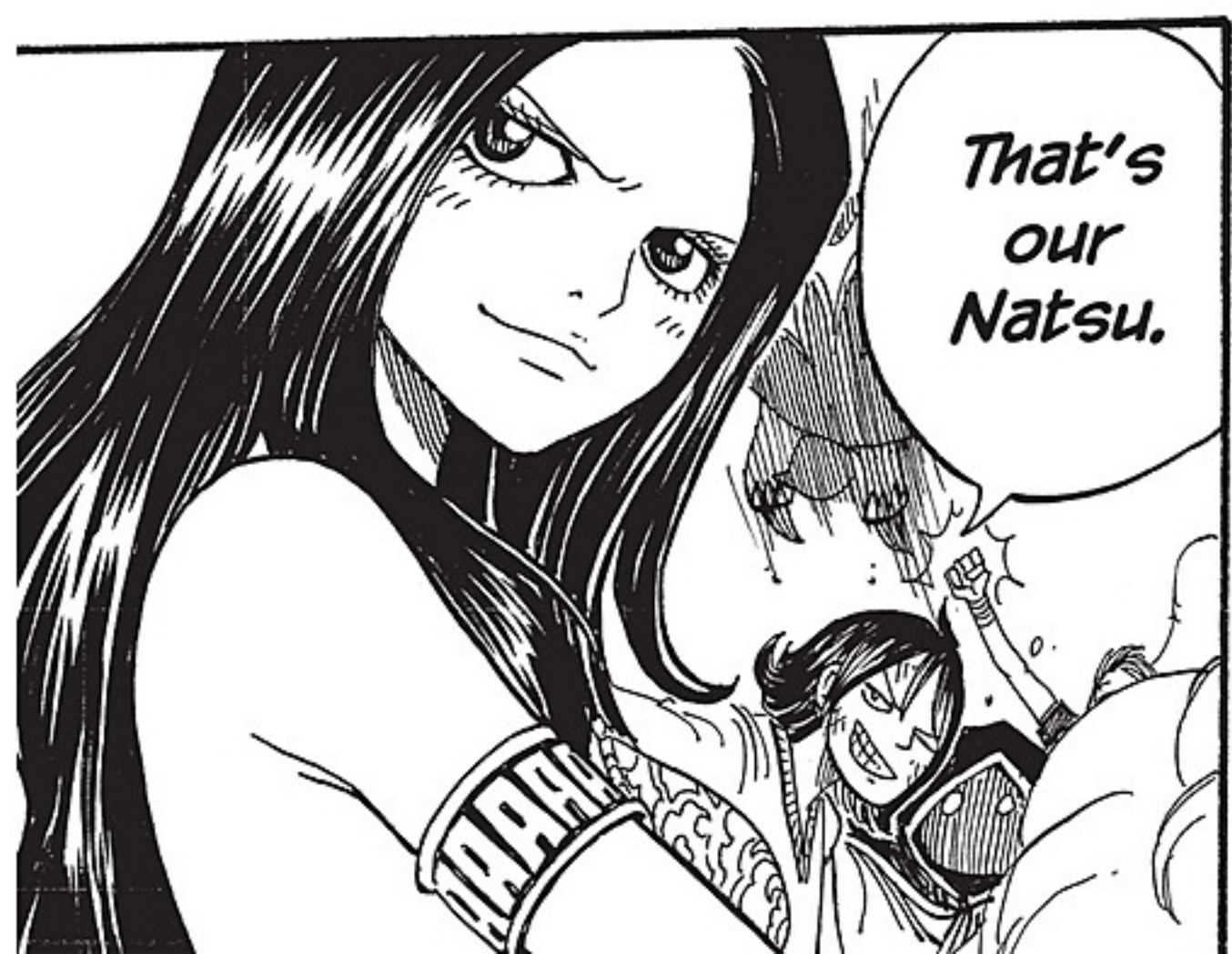
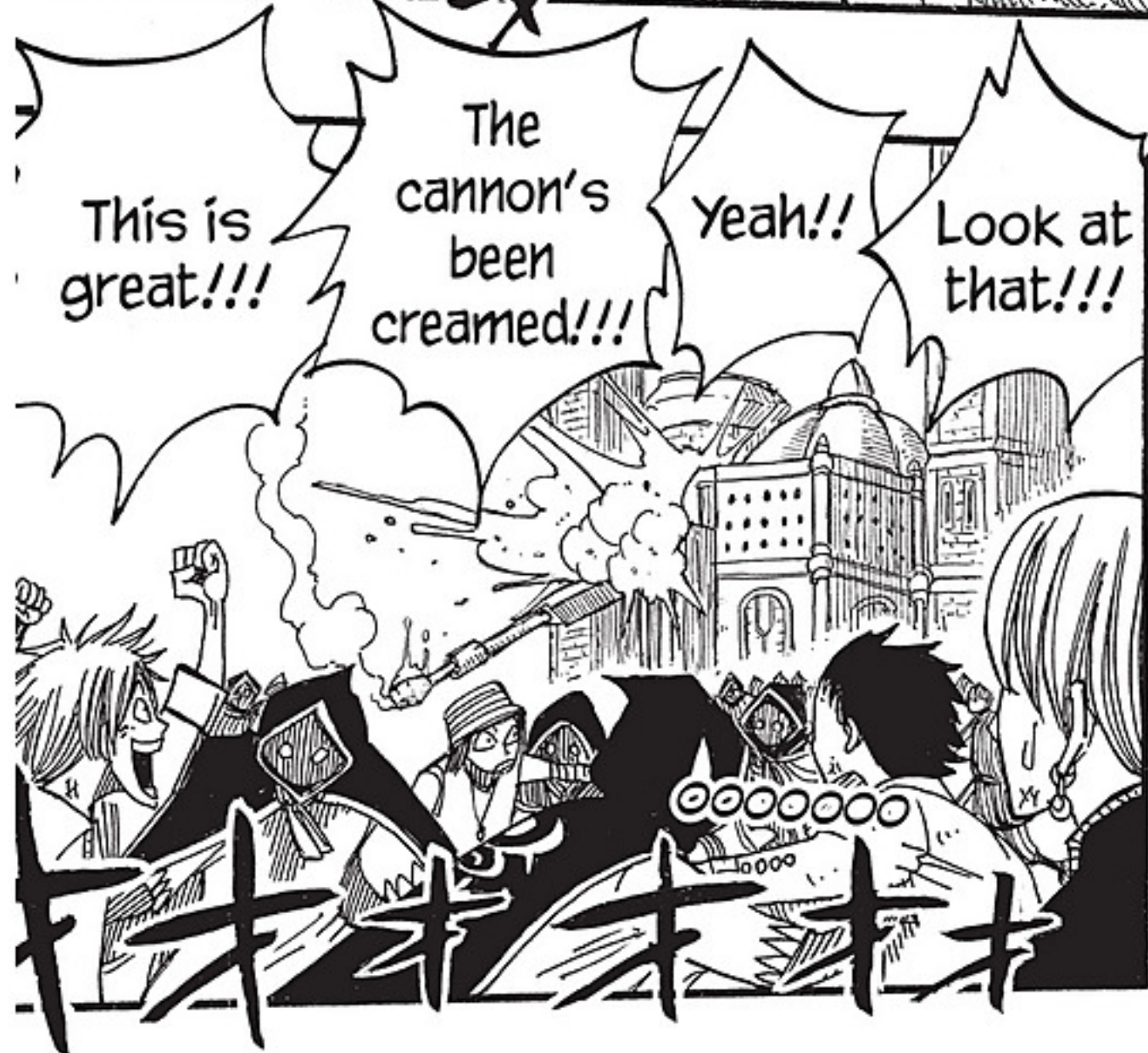
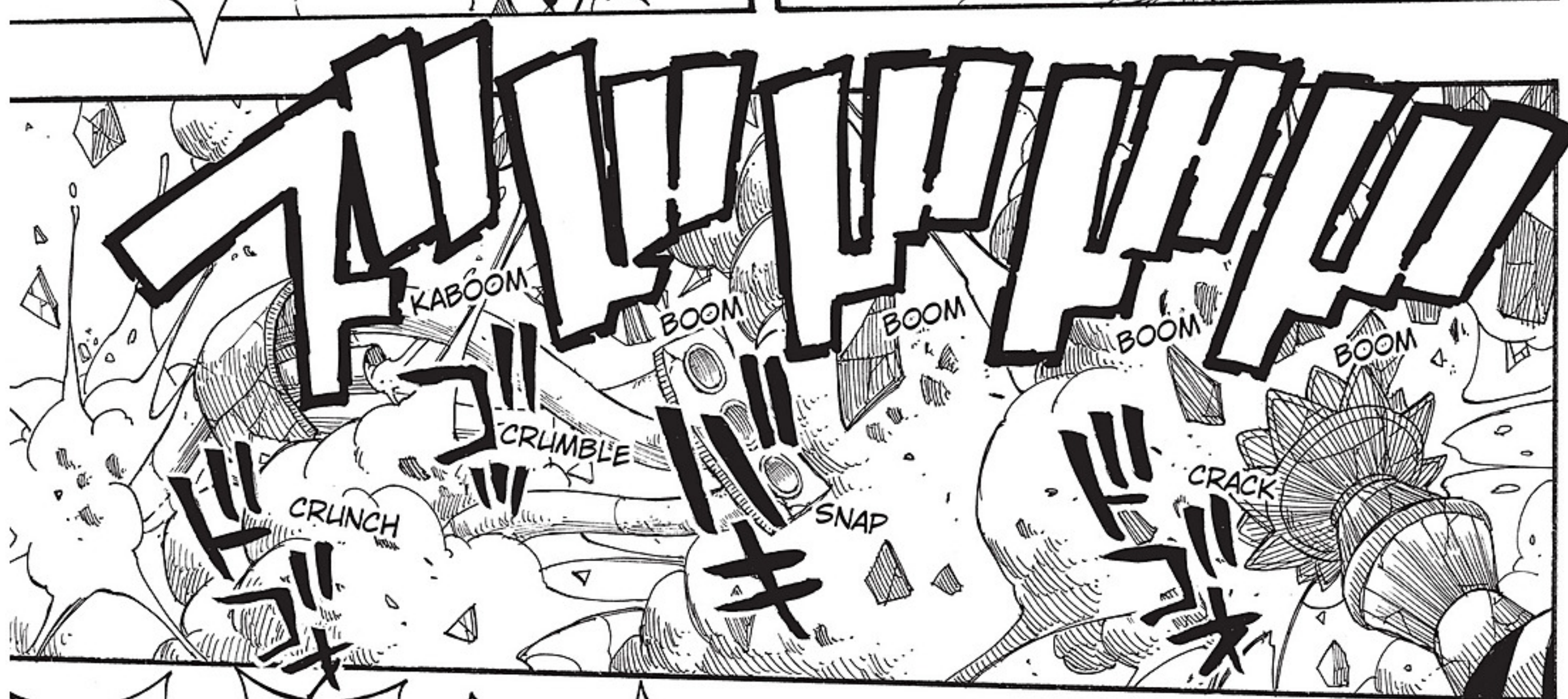
Ten seconds
until Jupiter
fires.

You can't
do any
harm
unless you
hit me, you
know!!!

Ha
haaaa!!!

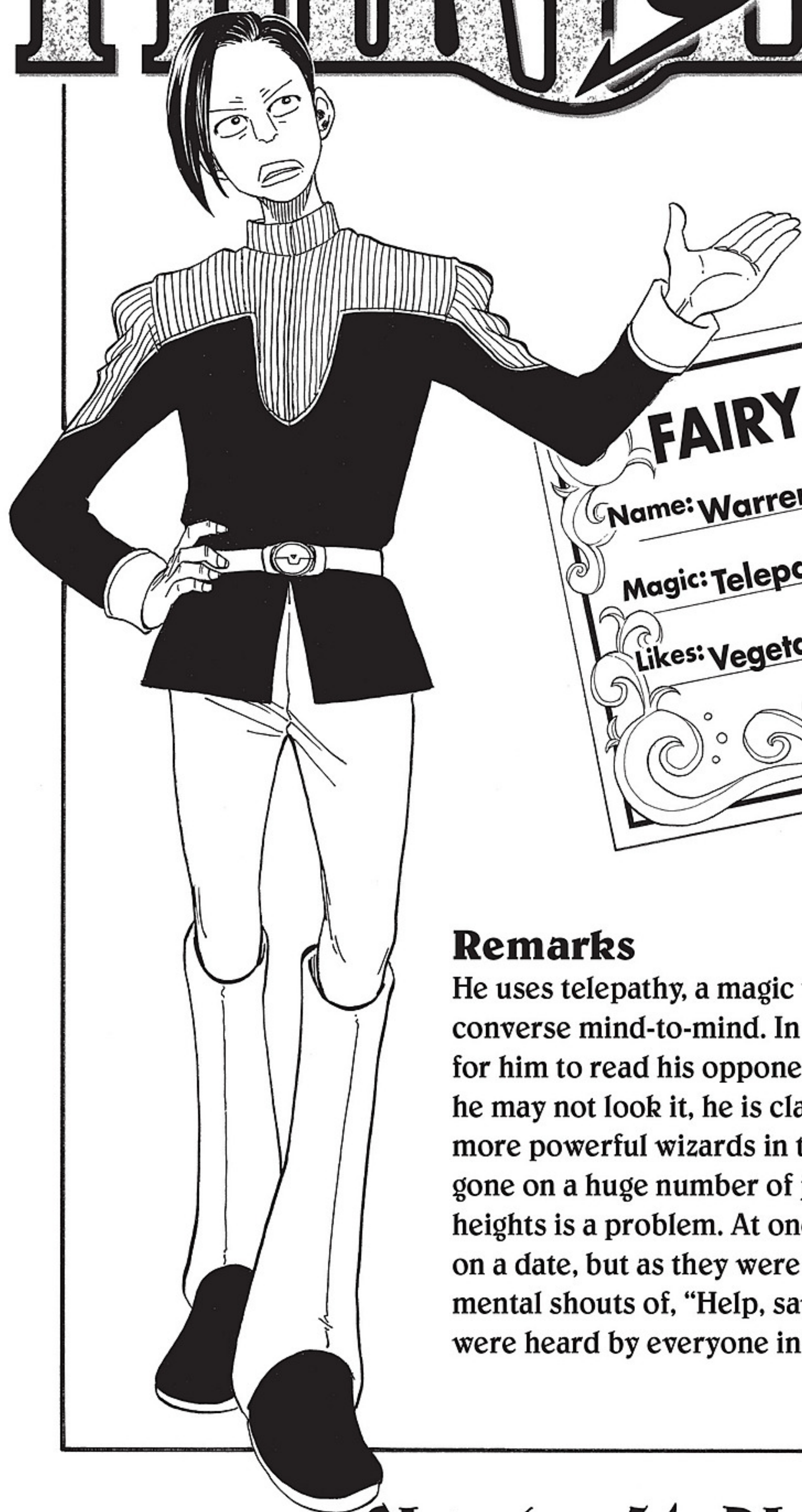
*I wasn't
aiming at you
in the first
place!!!*





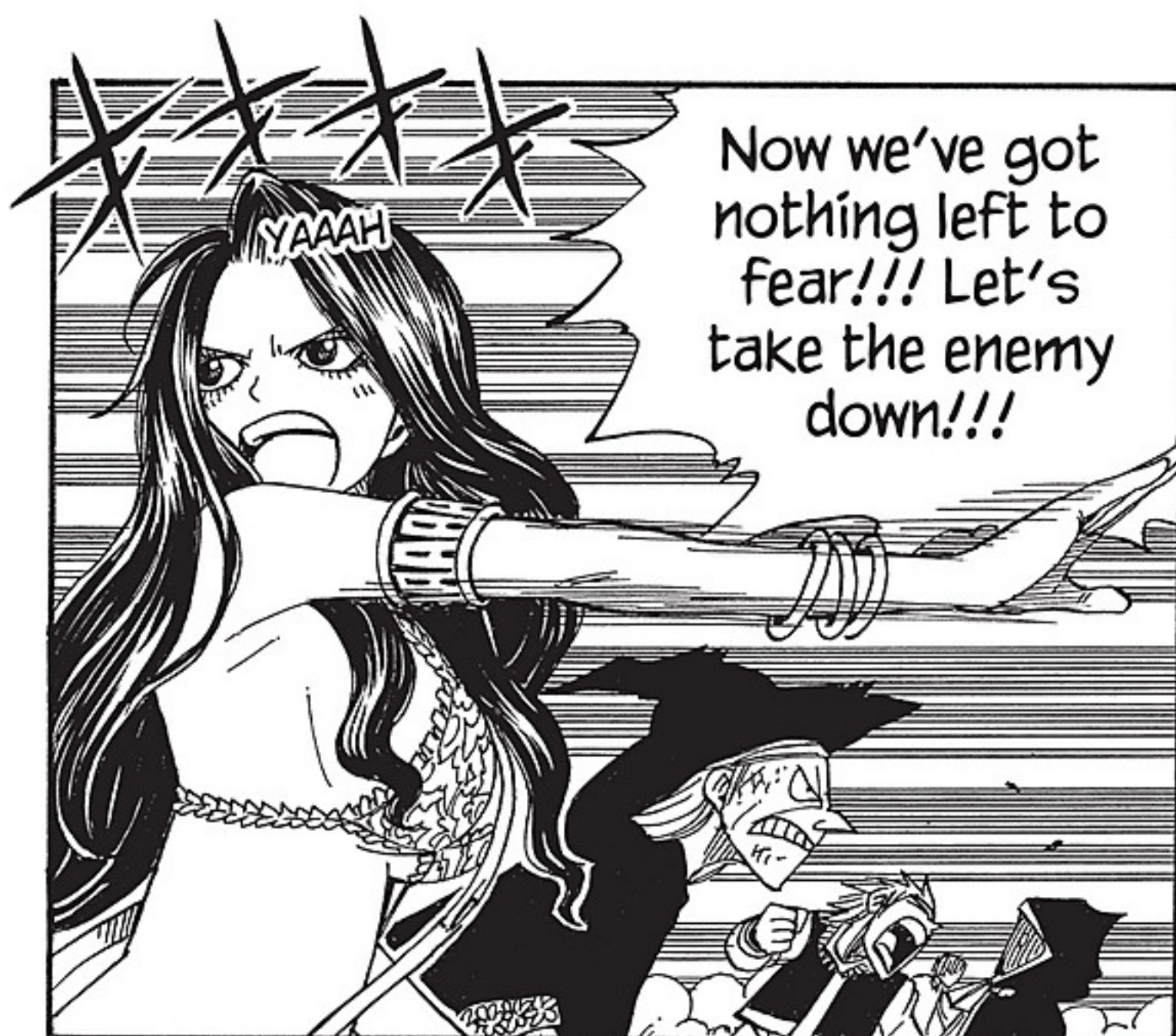


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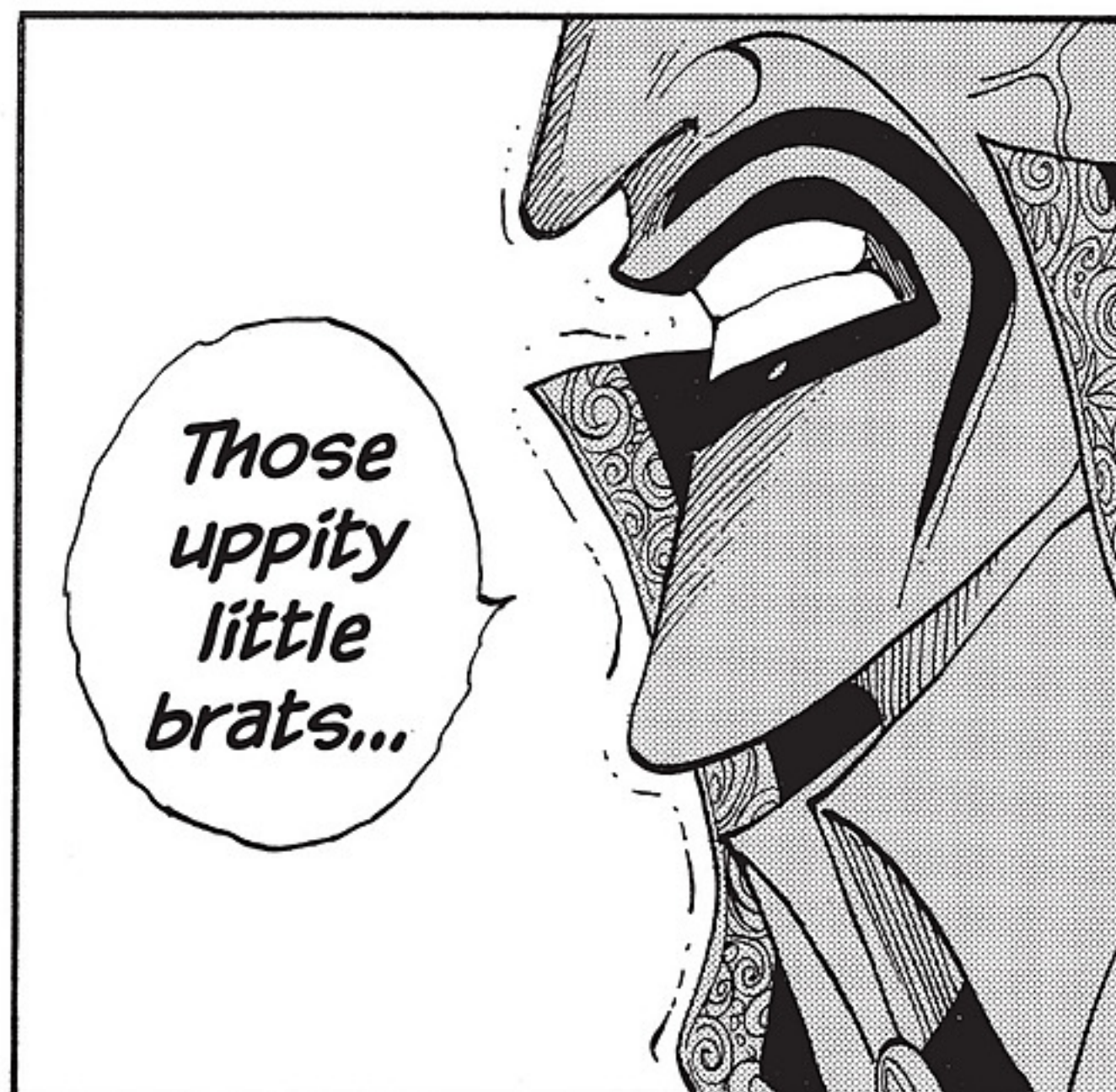


Remarks

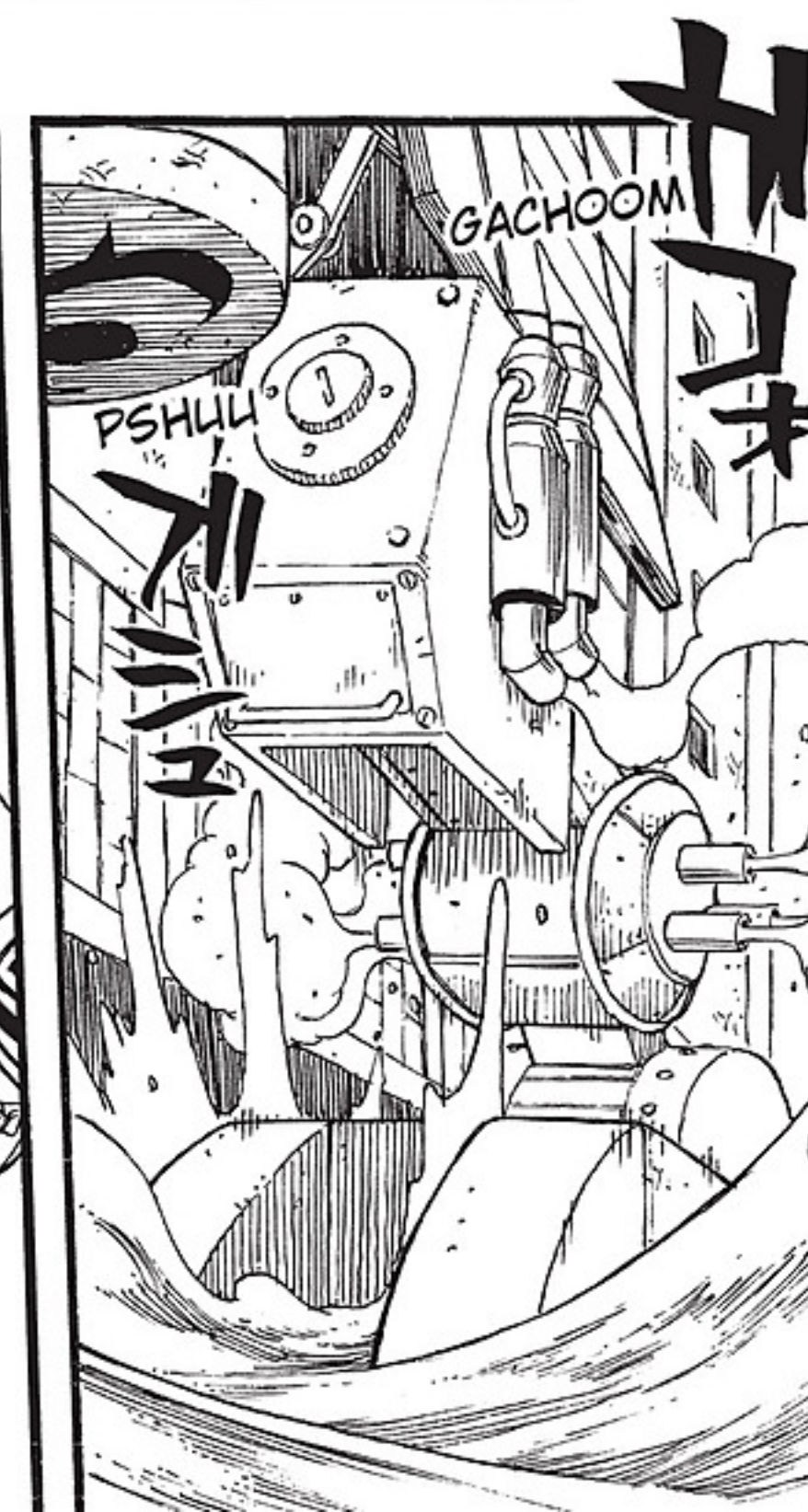
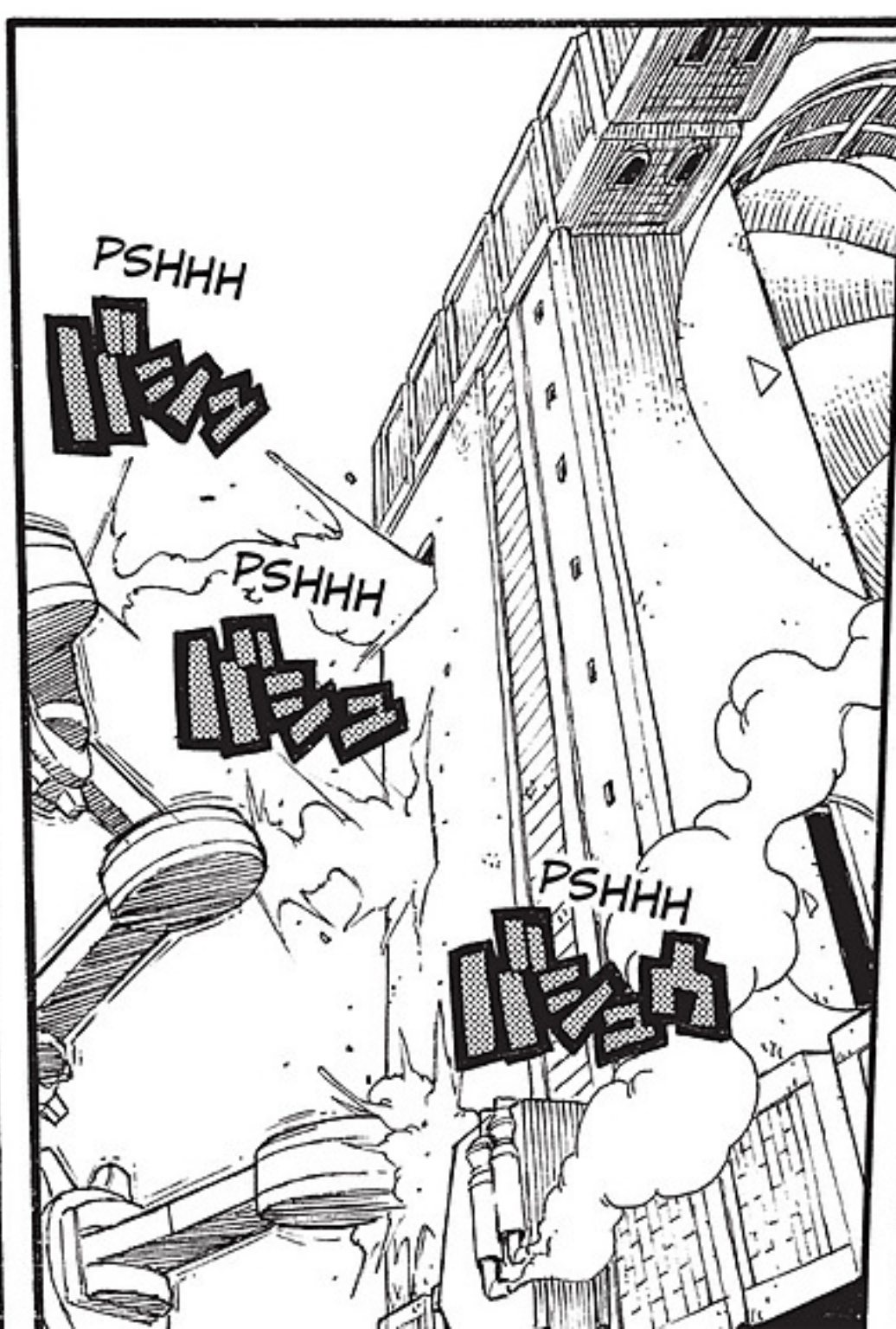
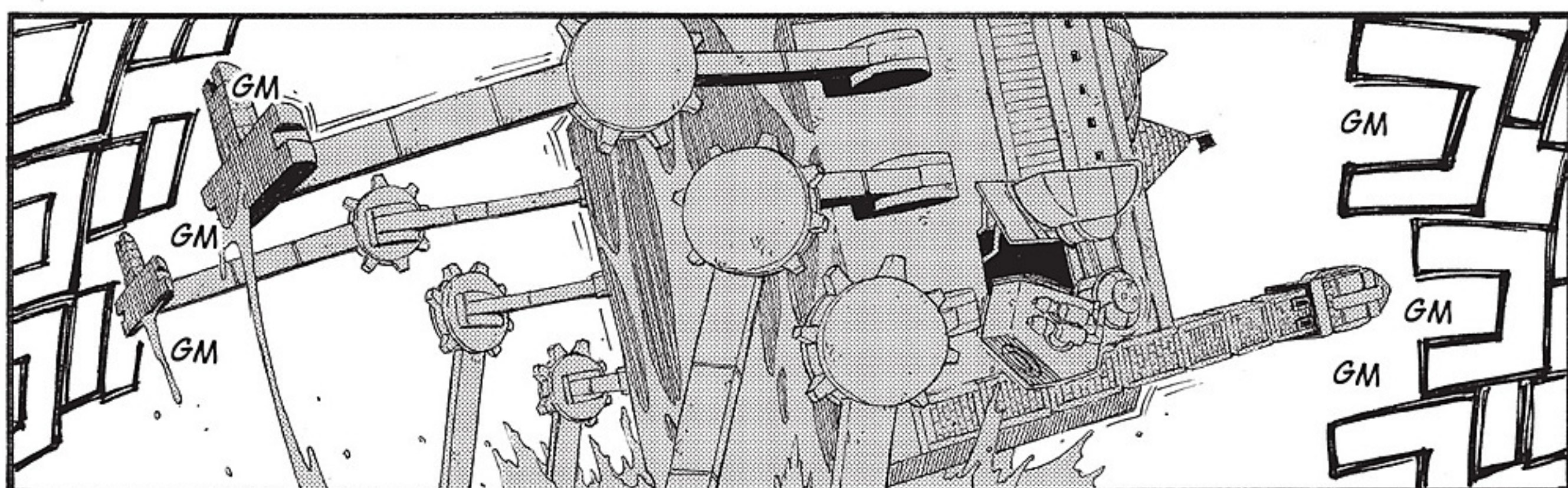
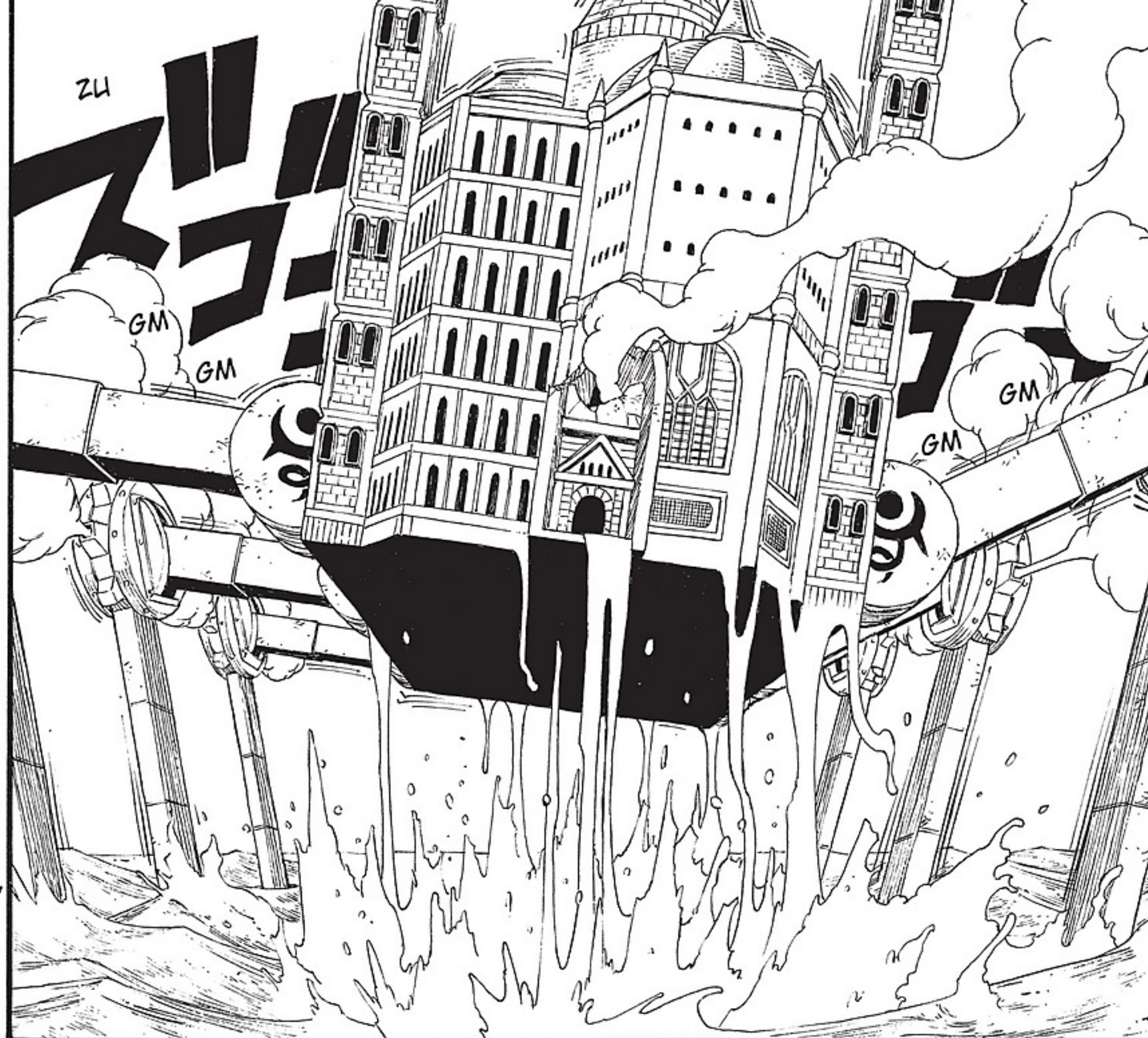
He uses telepathy, a magic that allows one to converse mind-to-mind. In battle, it's possible for him to read his opponent's mind. Although he may not look it, he is classified as one of the more powerful wizards in the guild, and he has gone on a huge number of jobs alone. His fear of heights is a problem. At one point he took a girl on a date, but as they were crossing a bridge, his mental shouts of, "Help, save me!!! I'm scared!!!" were heard by everyone in the town.

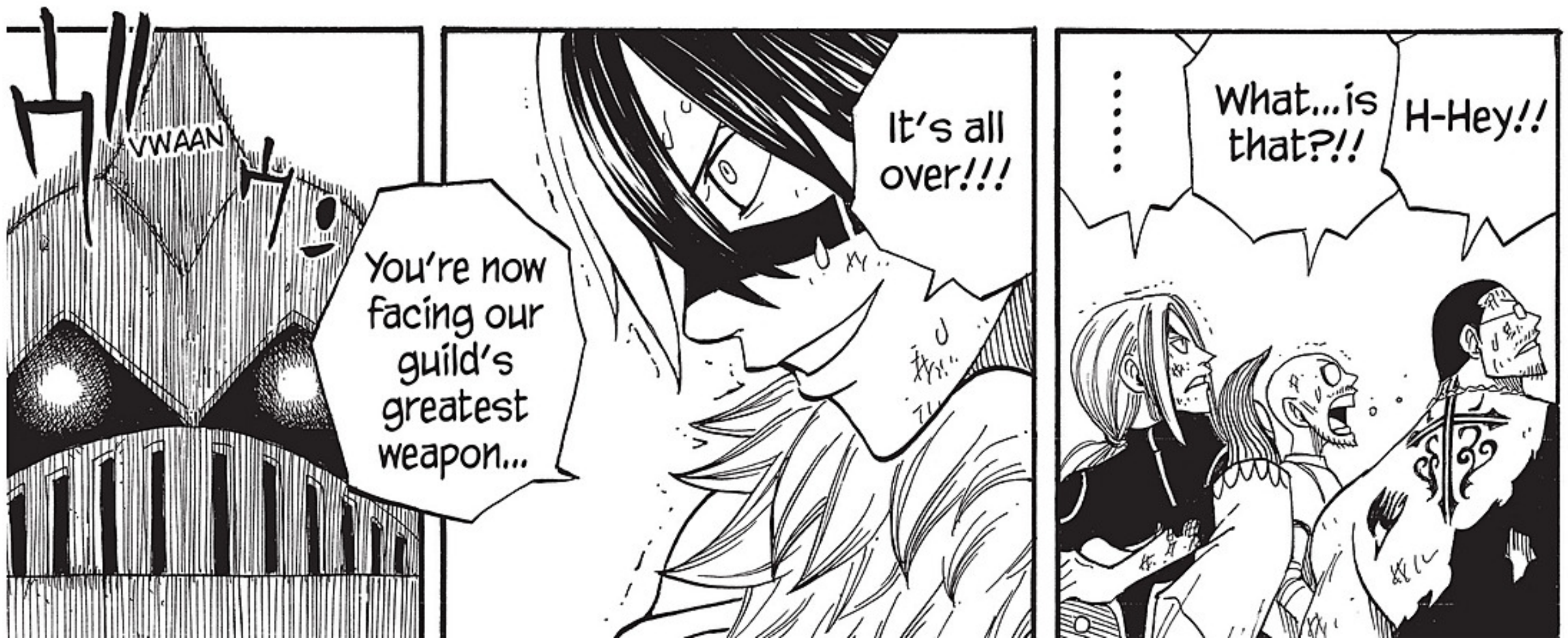
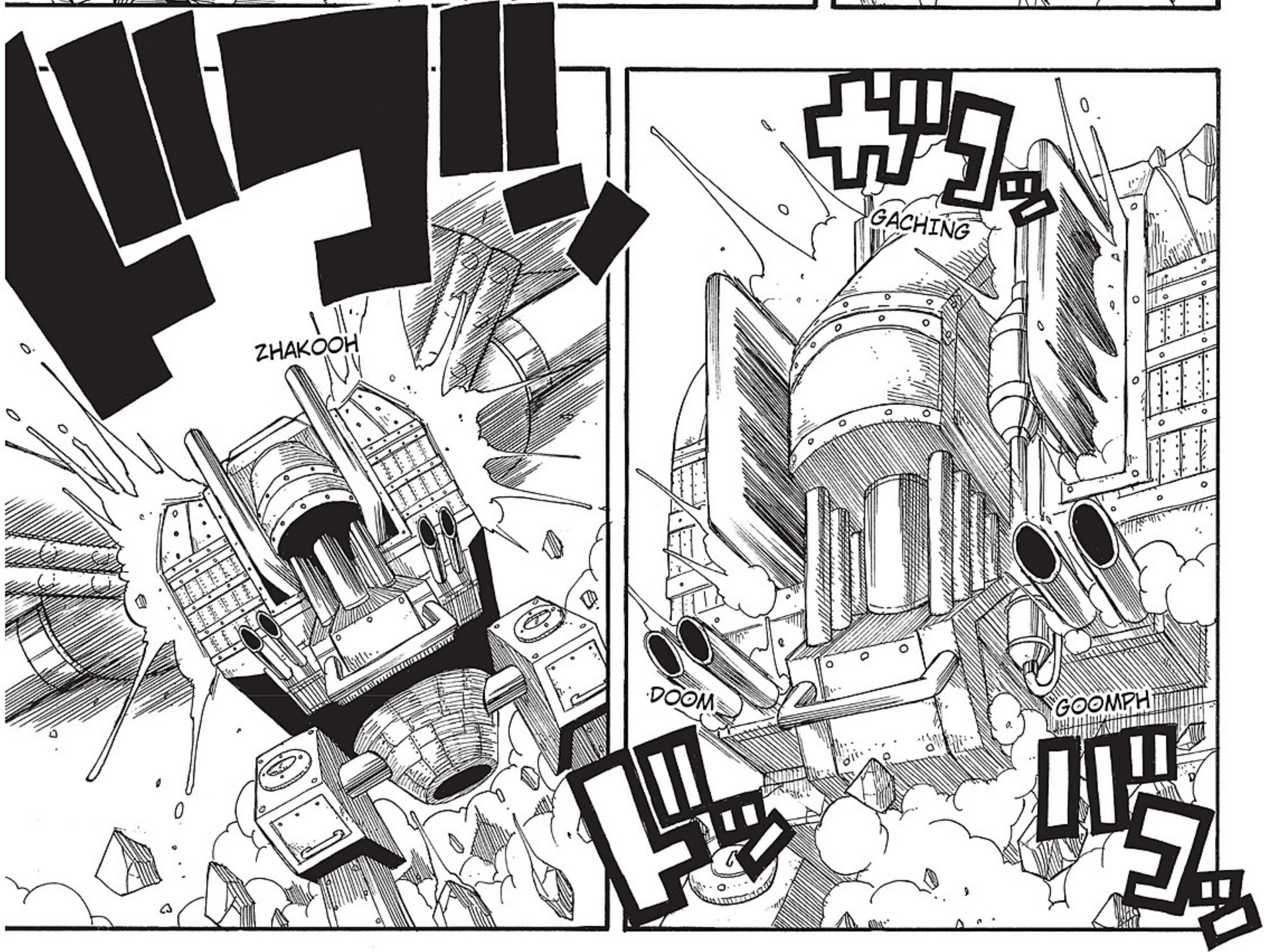


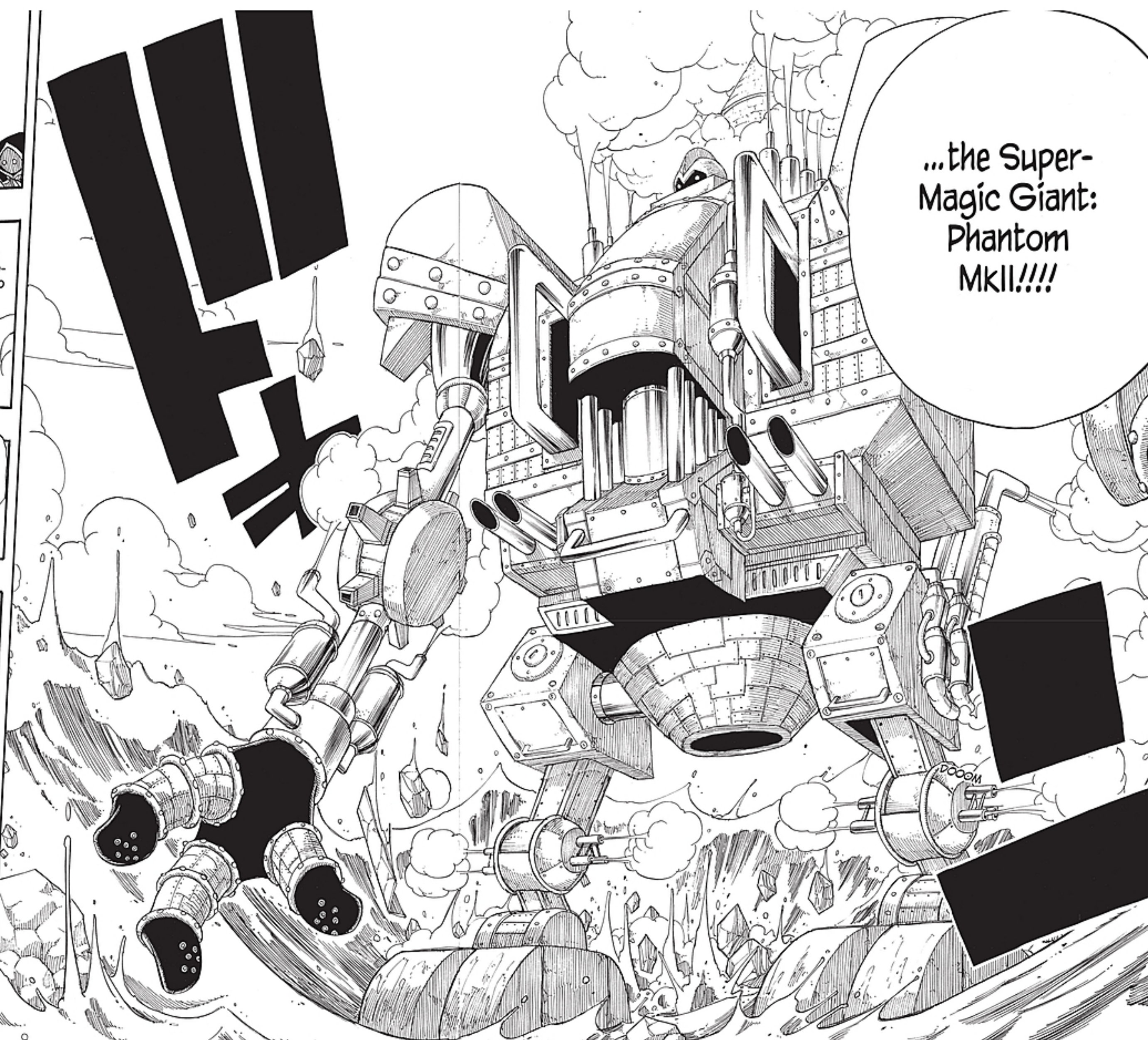
Now we've got nothing left to fear!!! Let's take the enemy down!!!

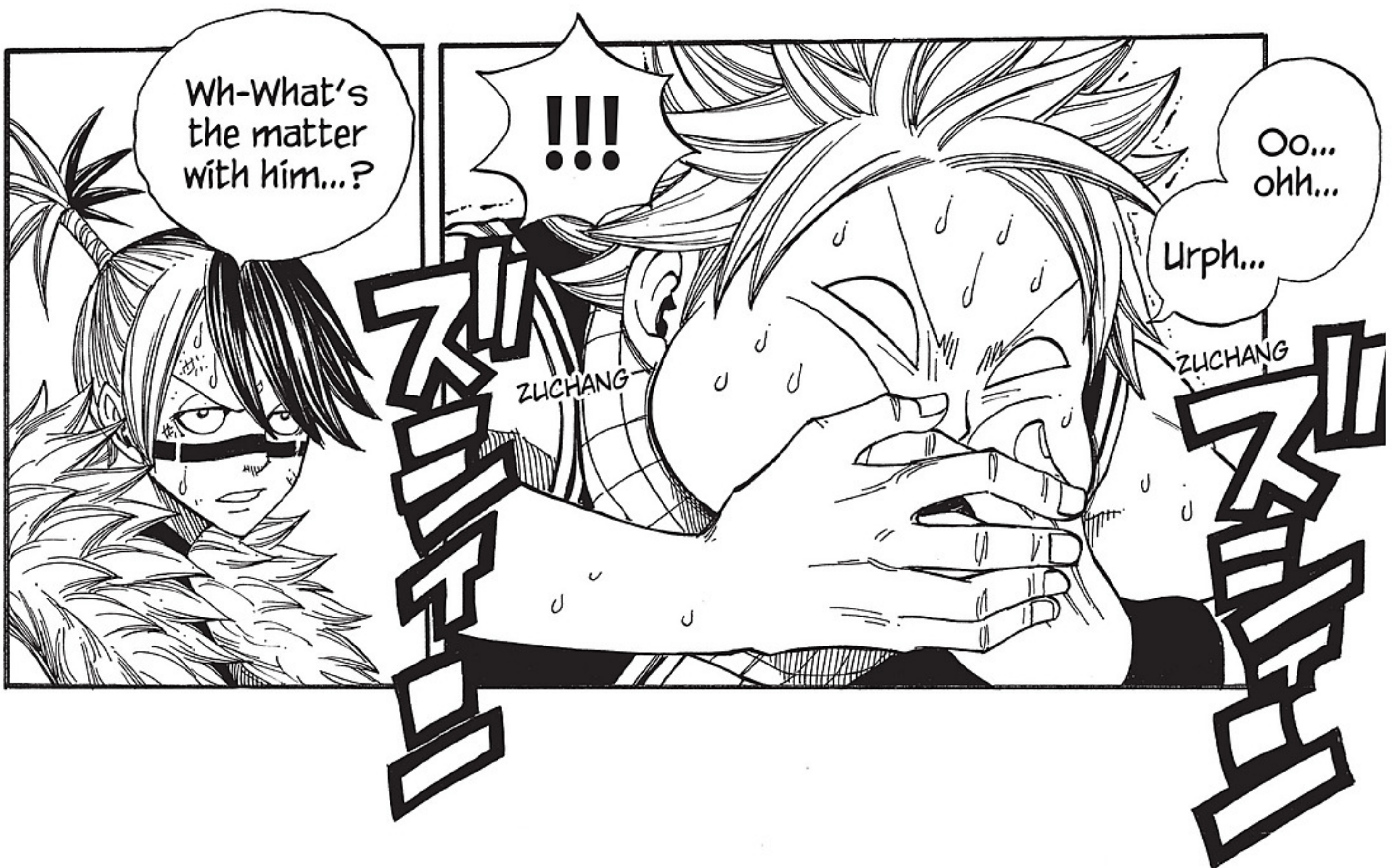
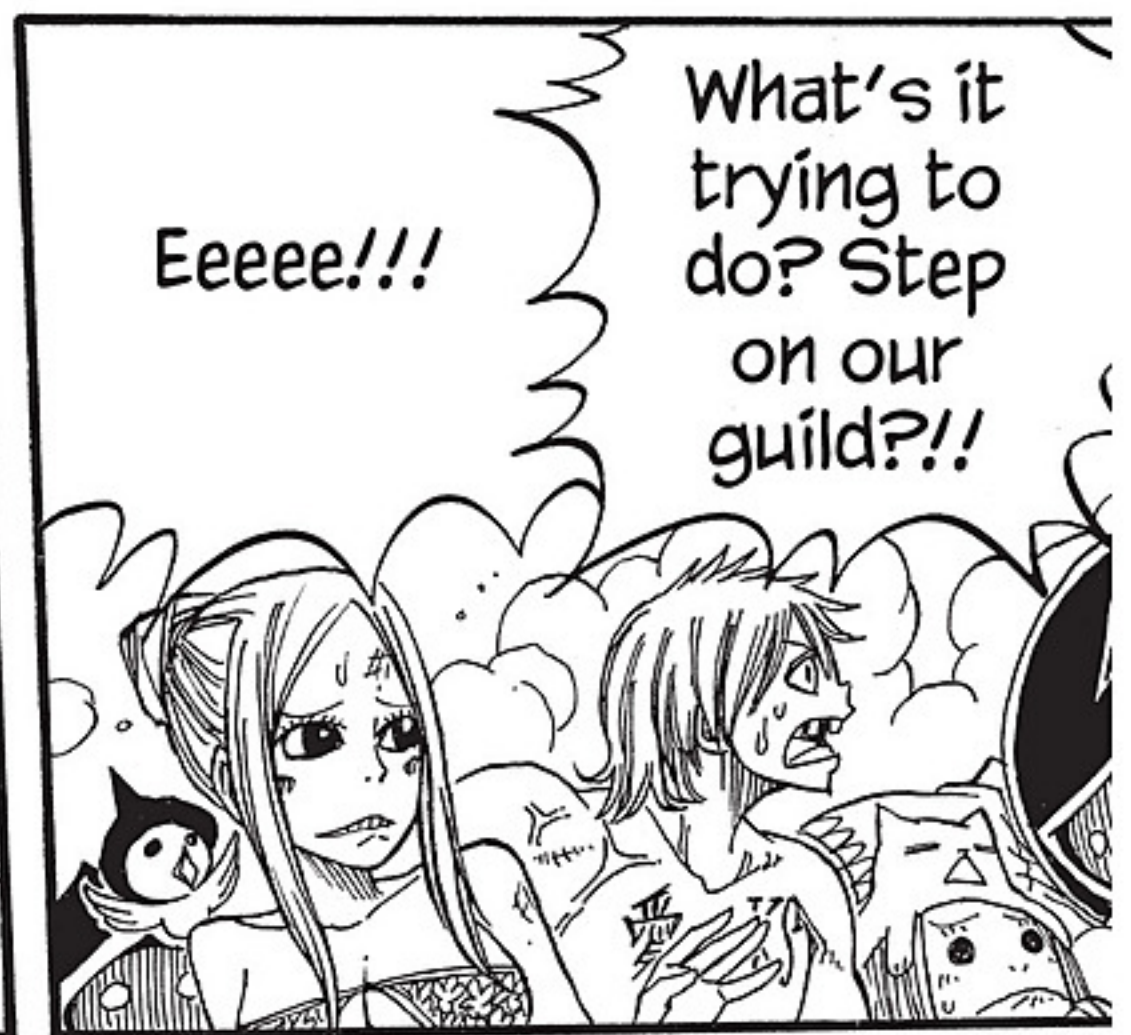
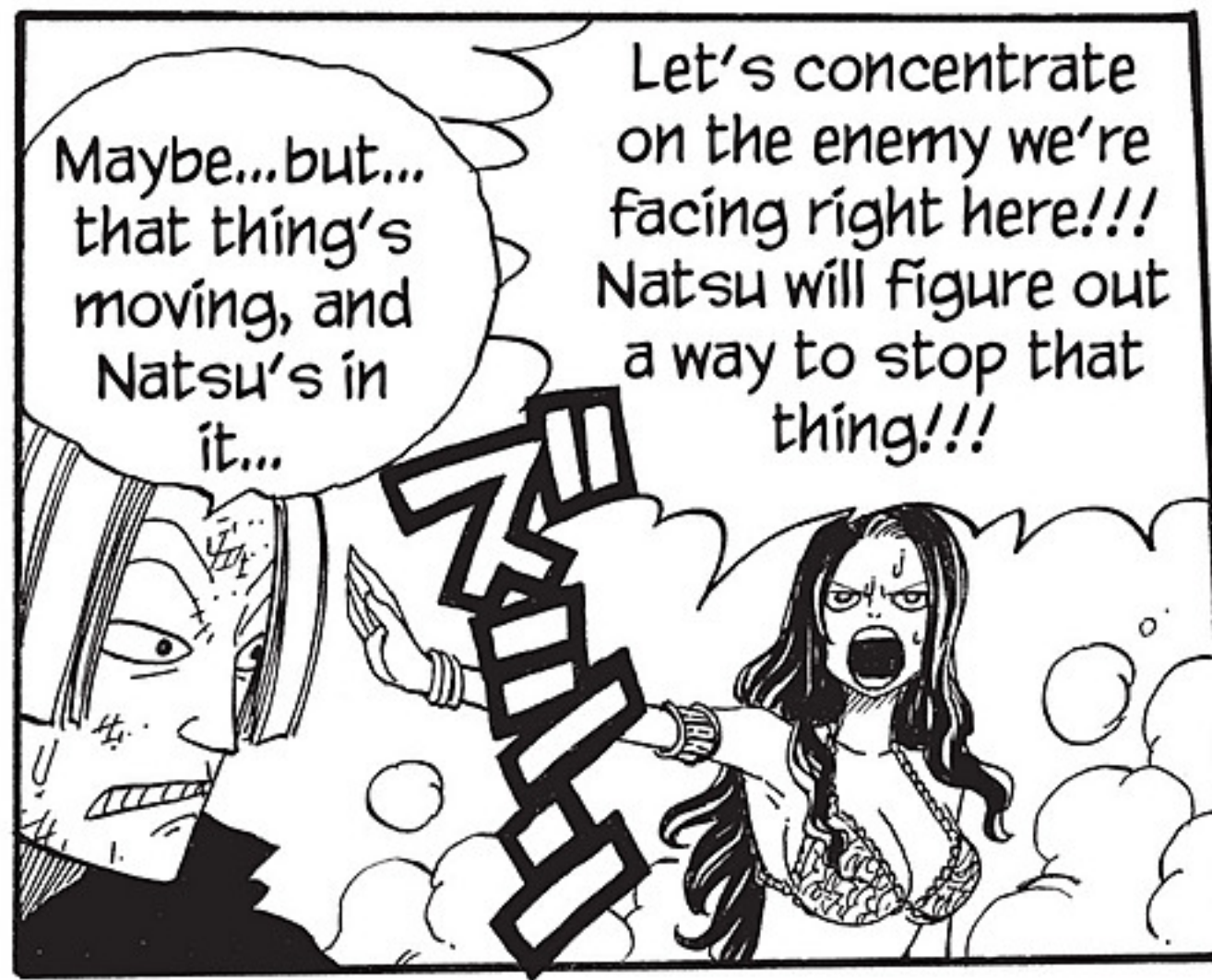
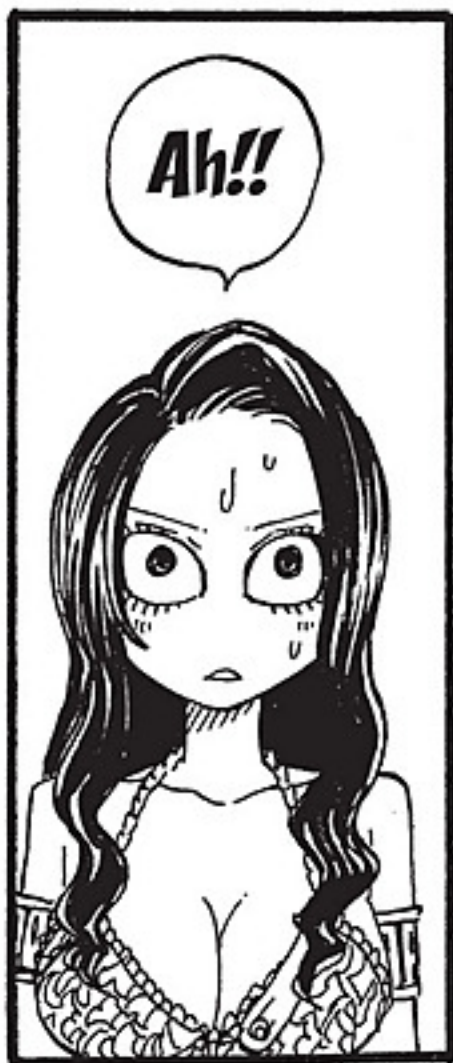
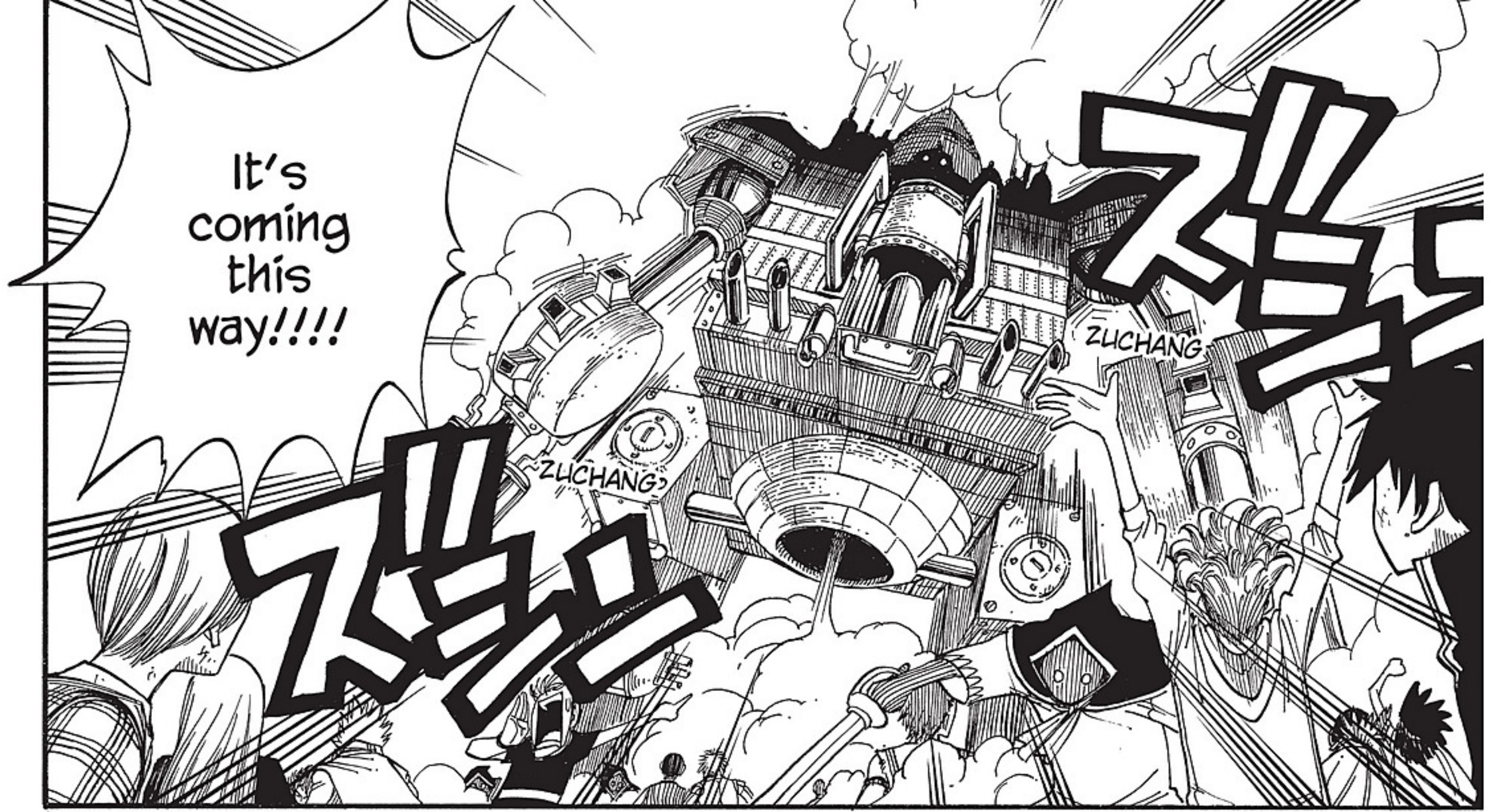


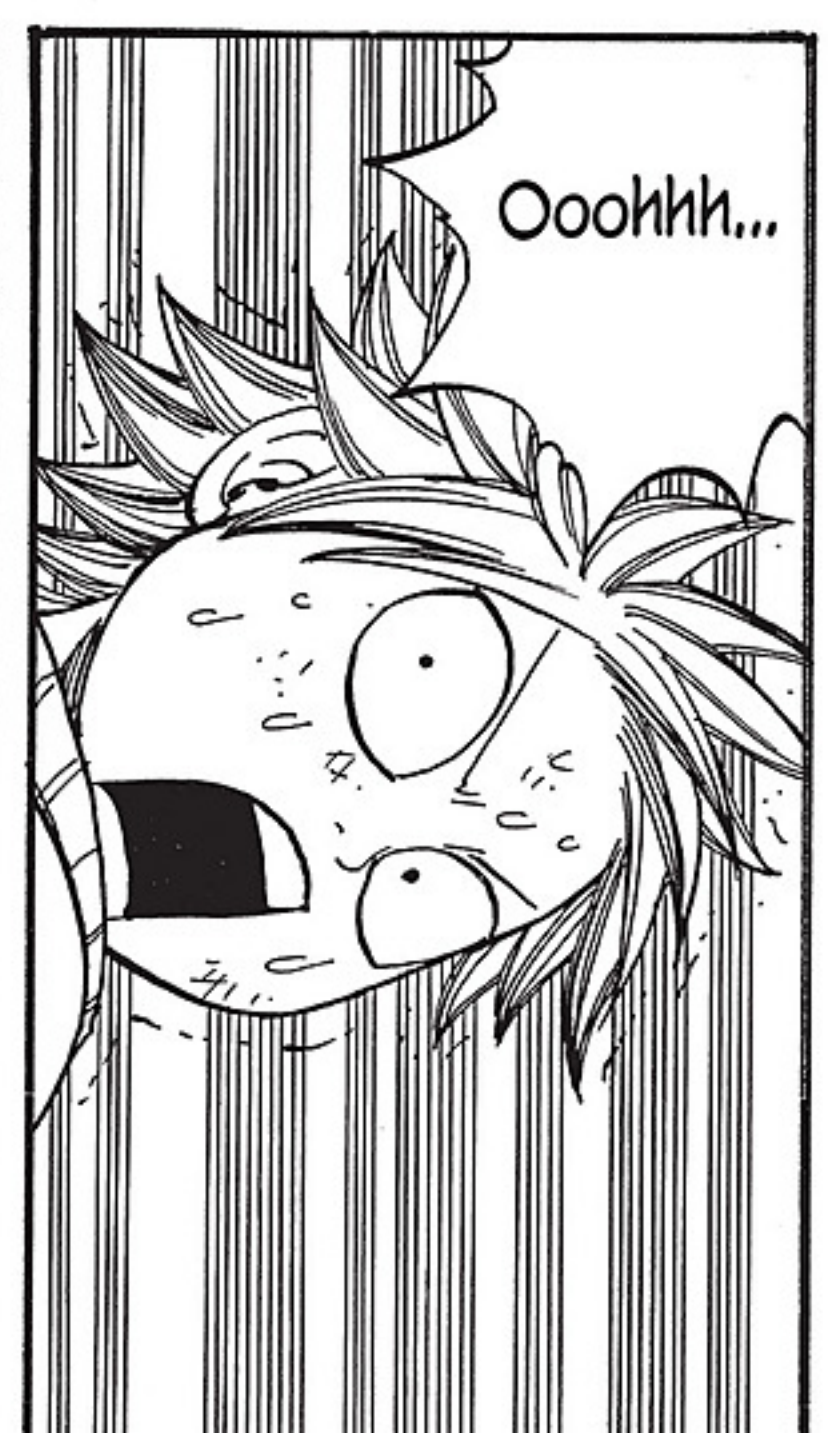
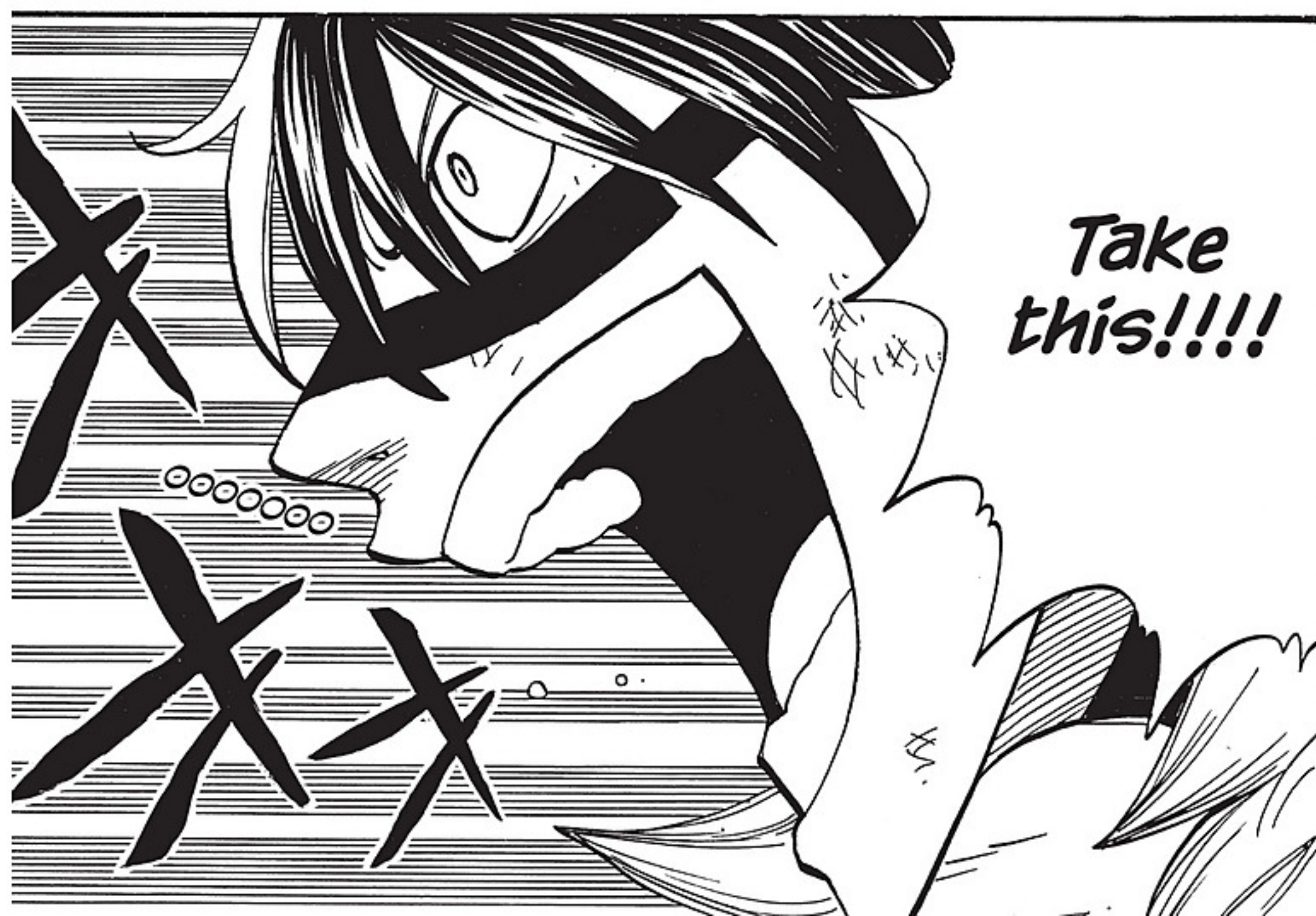
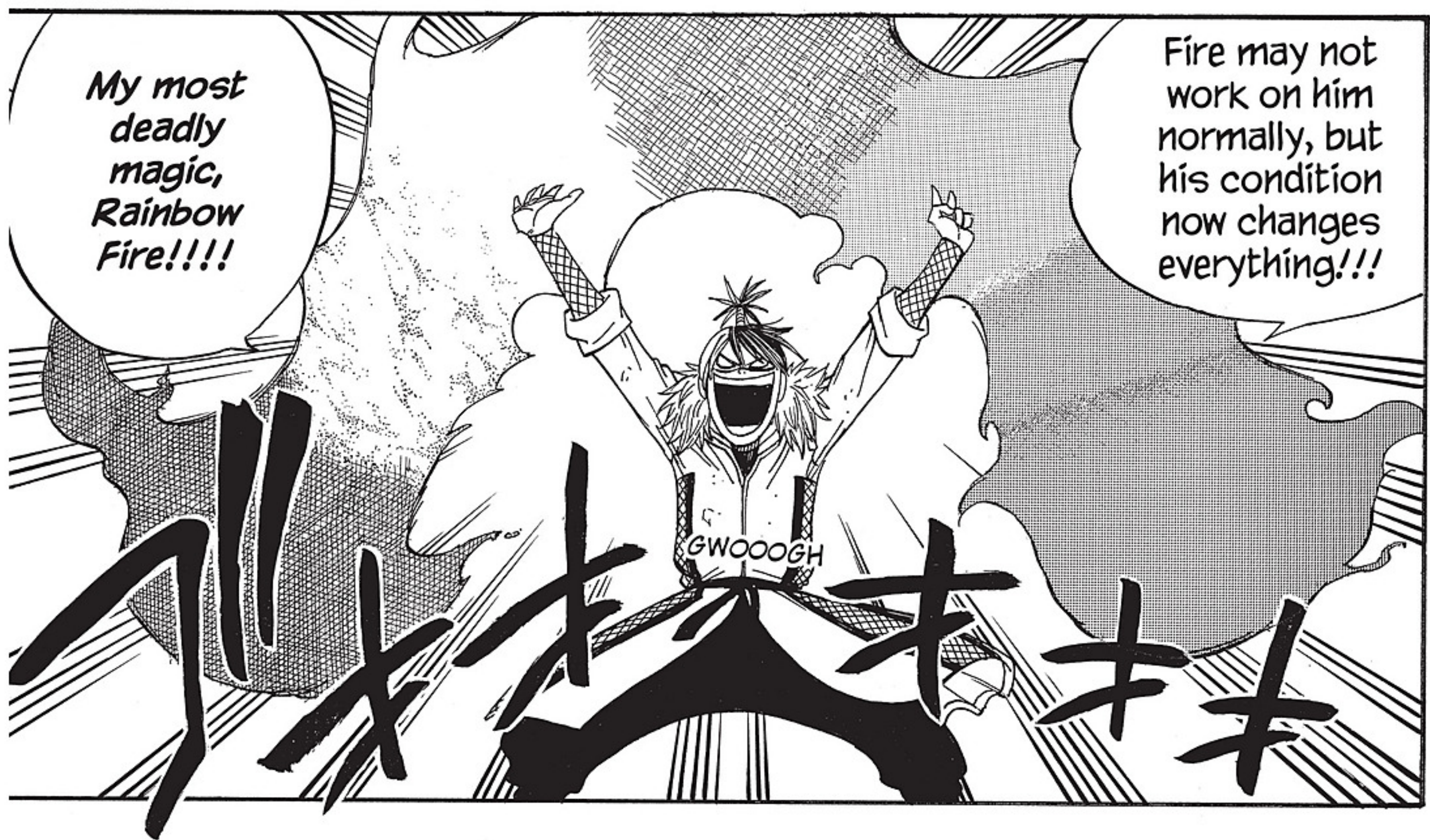


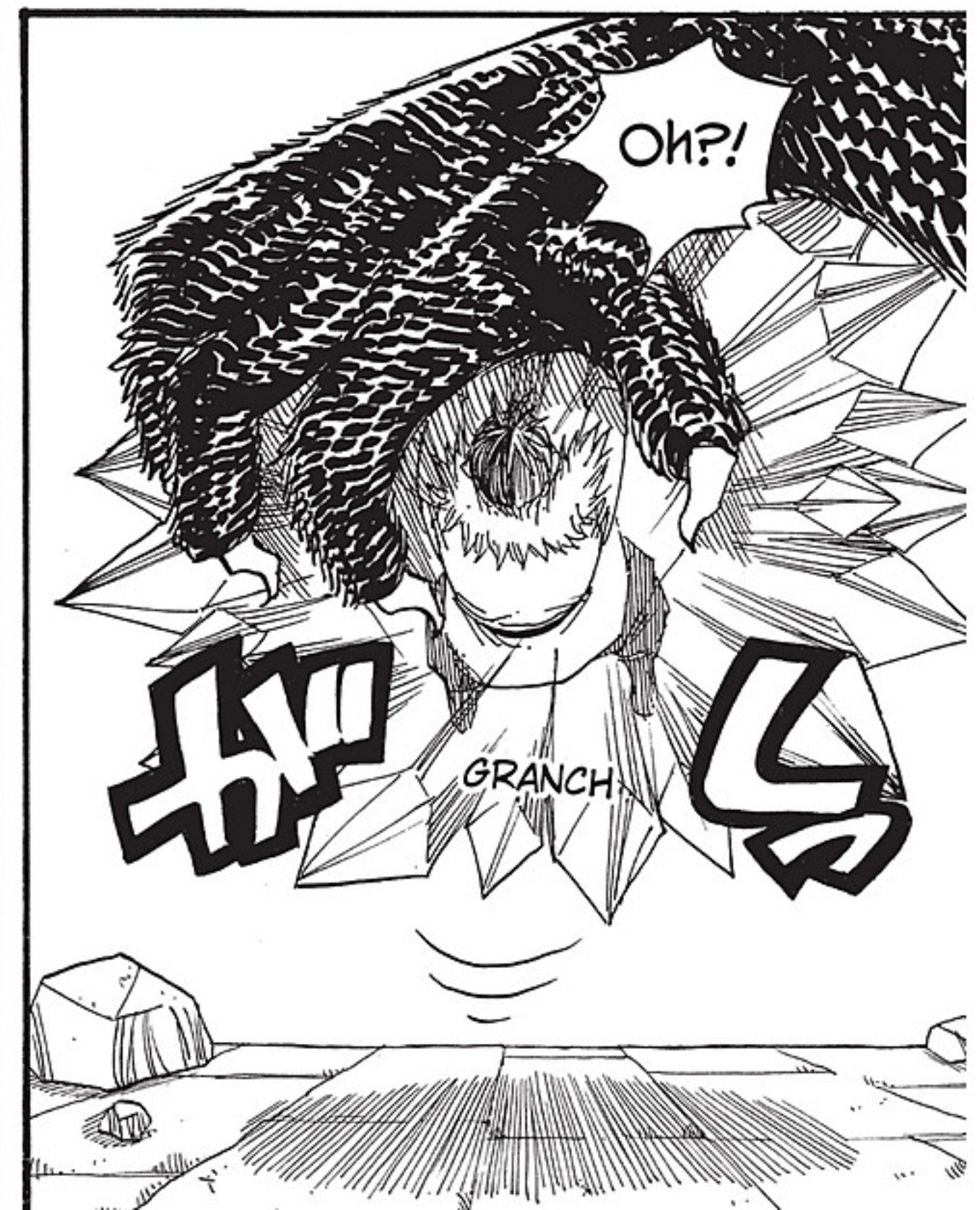
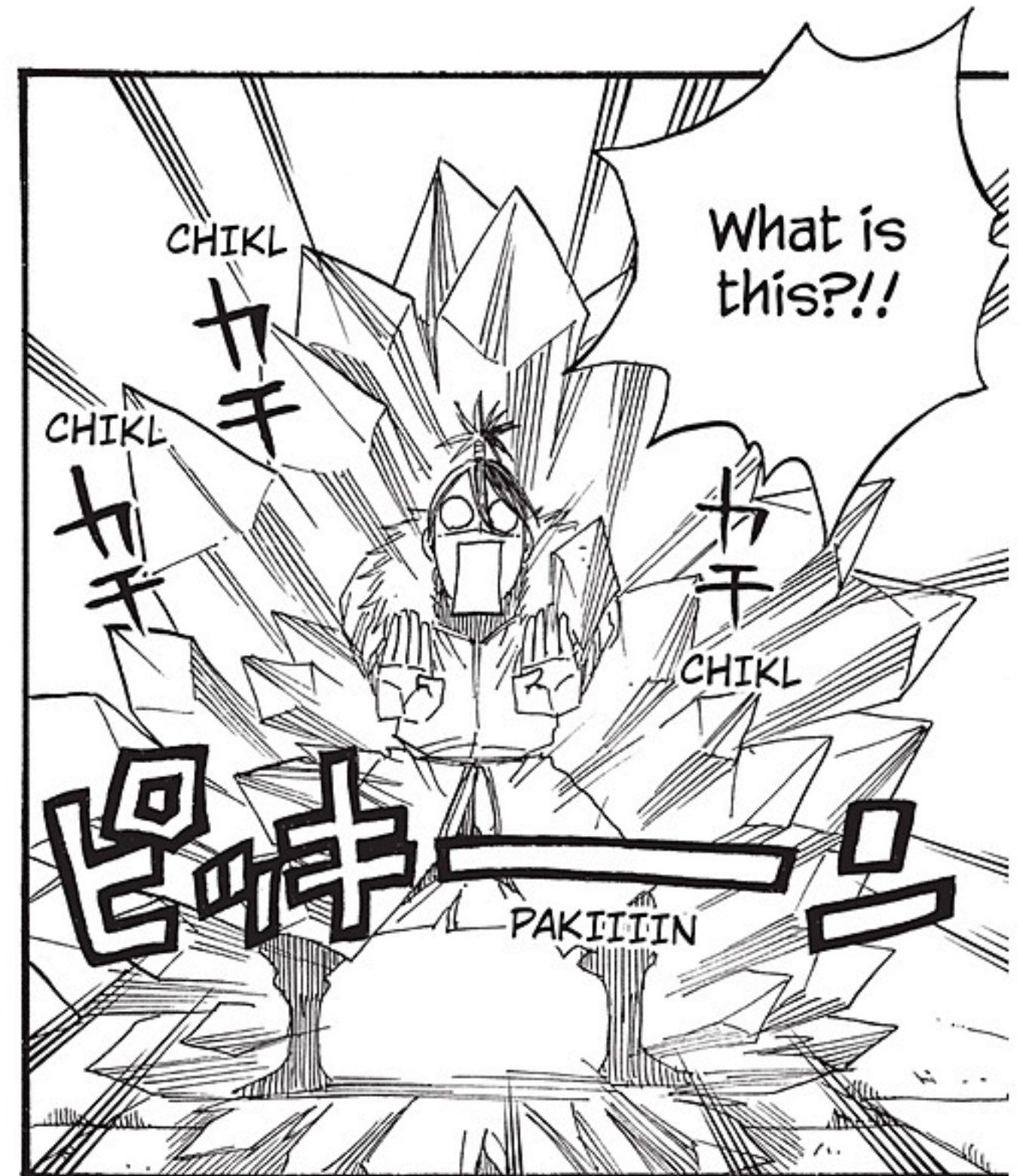
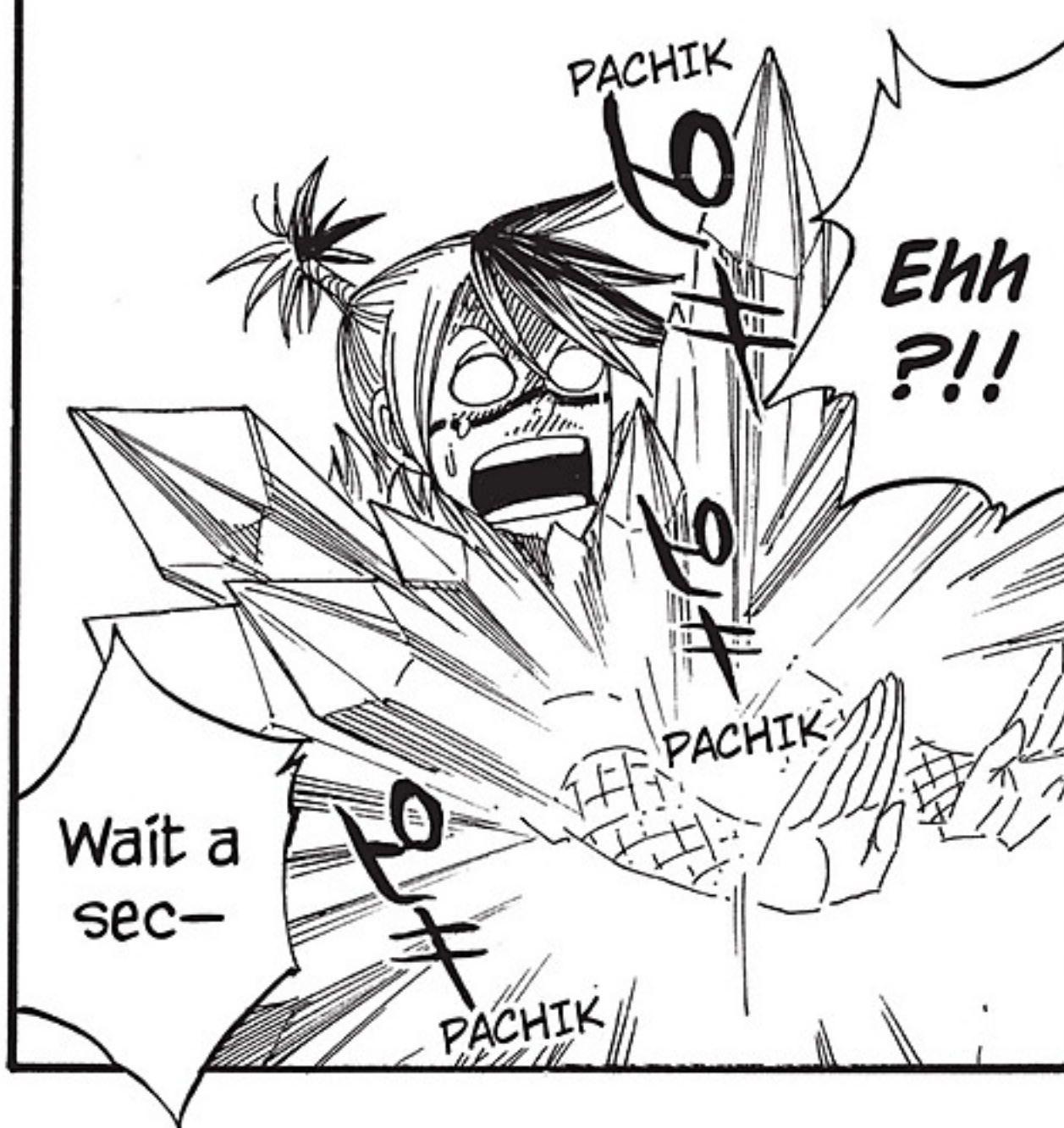


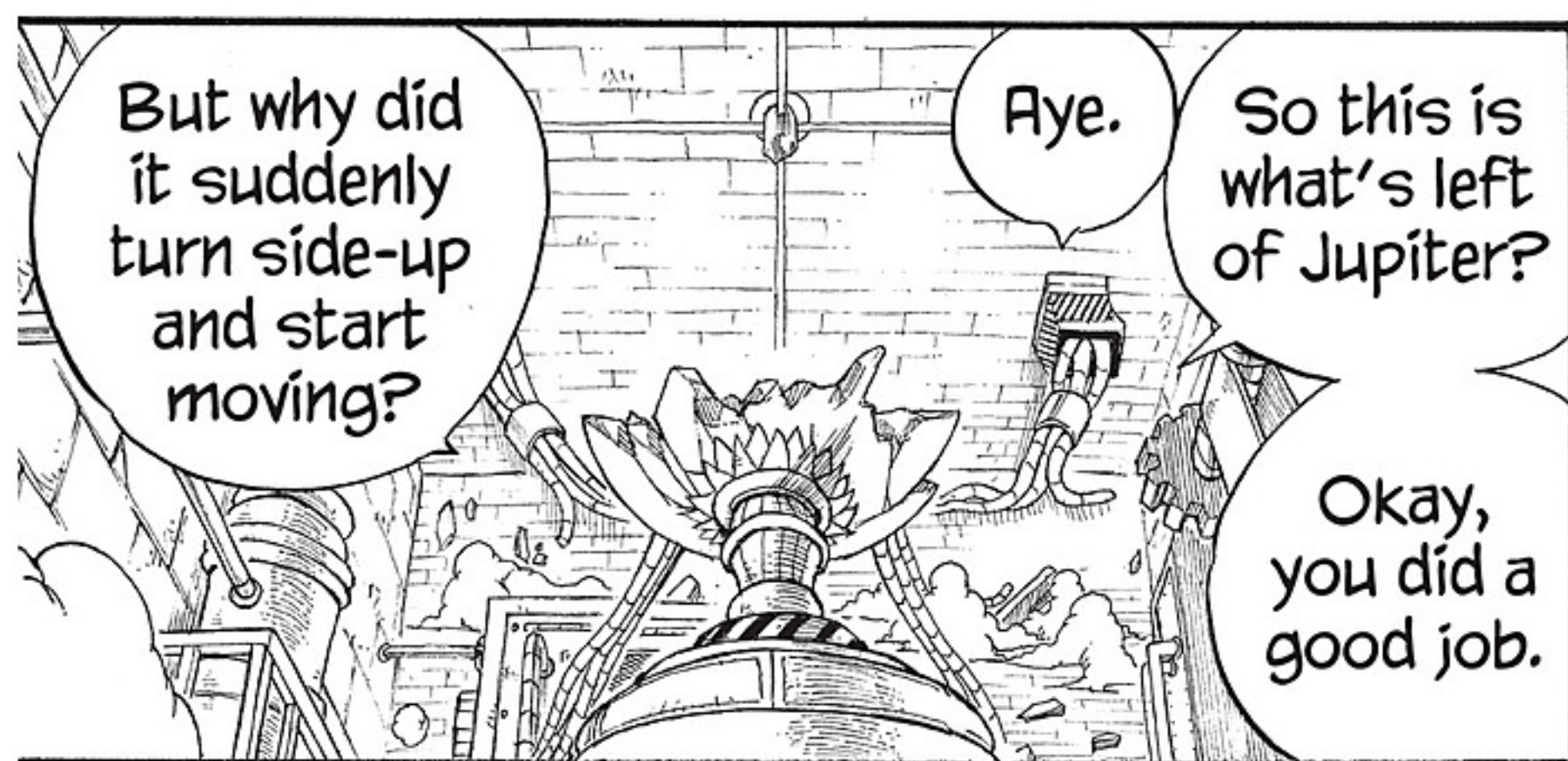


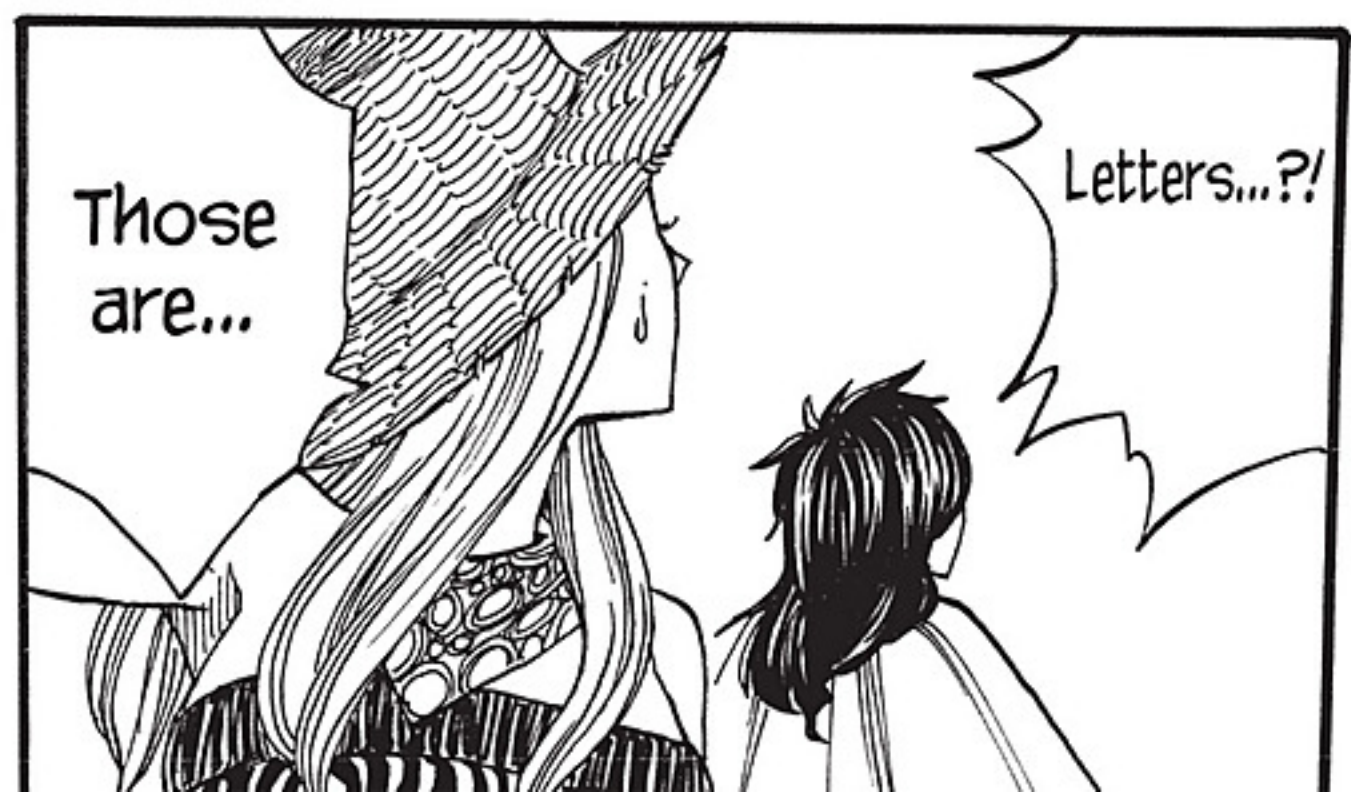
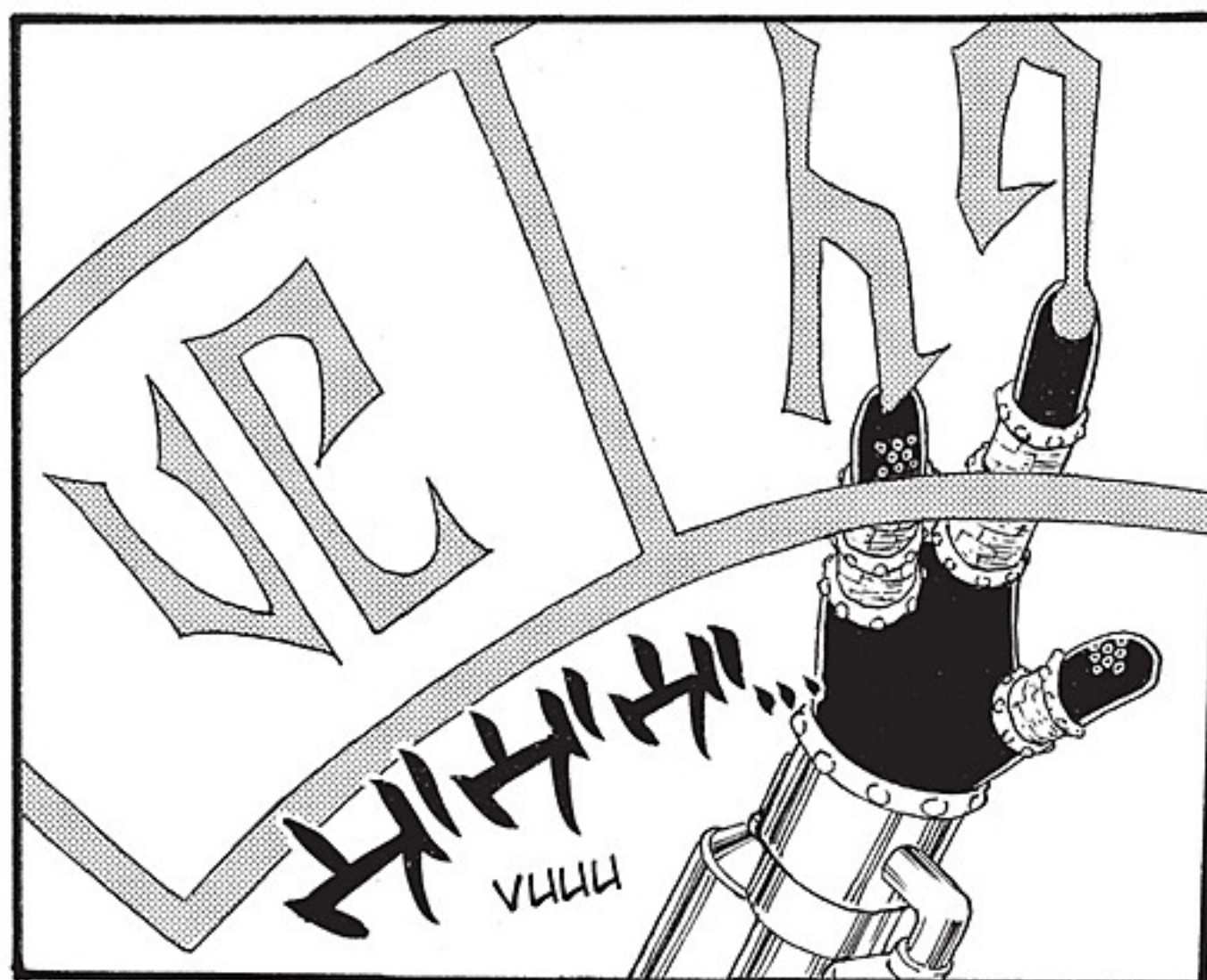
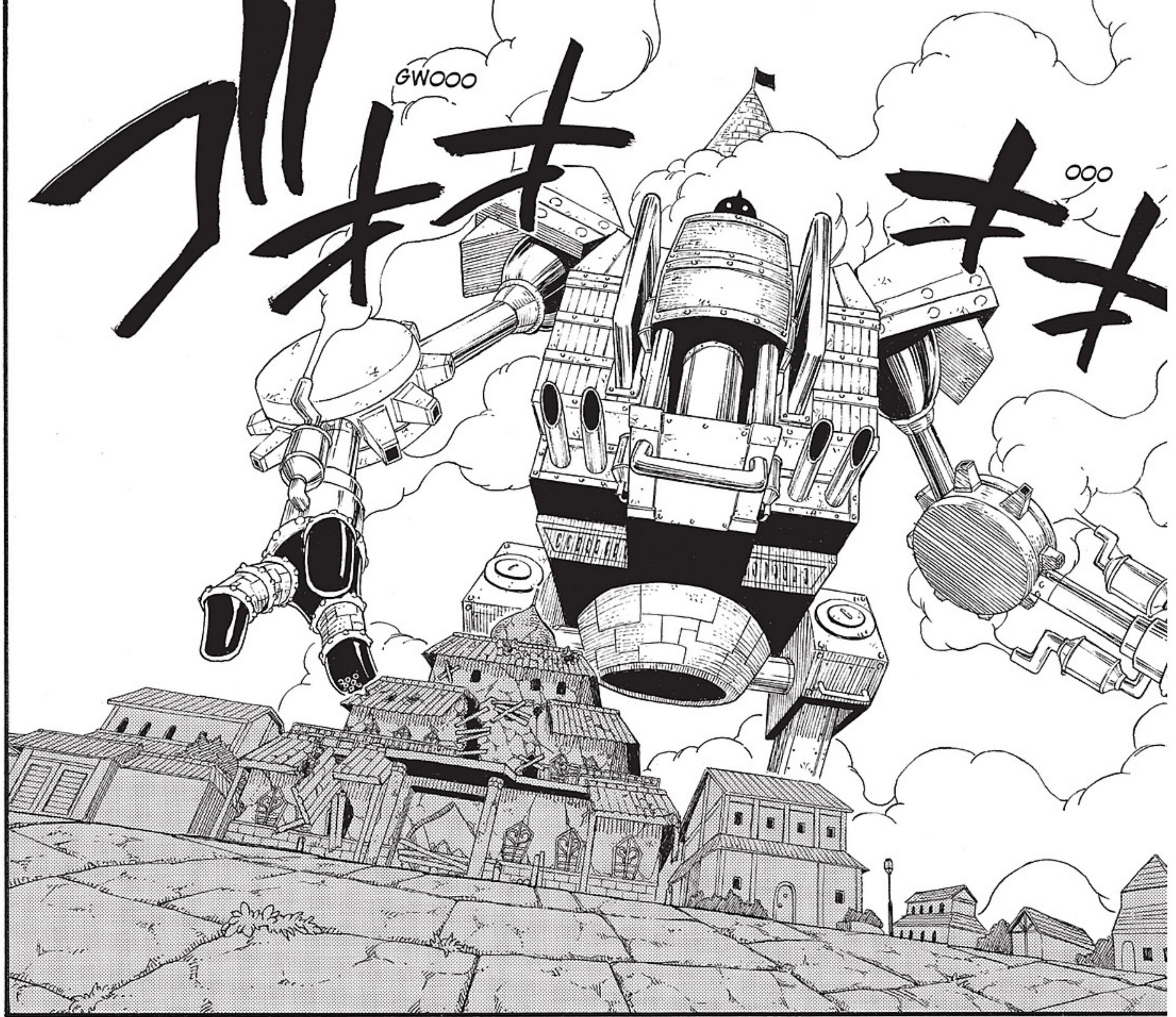


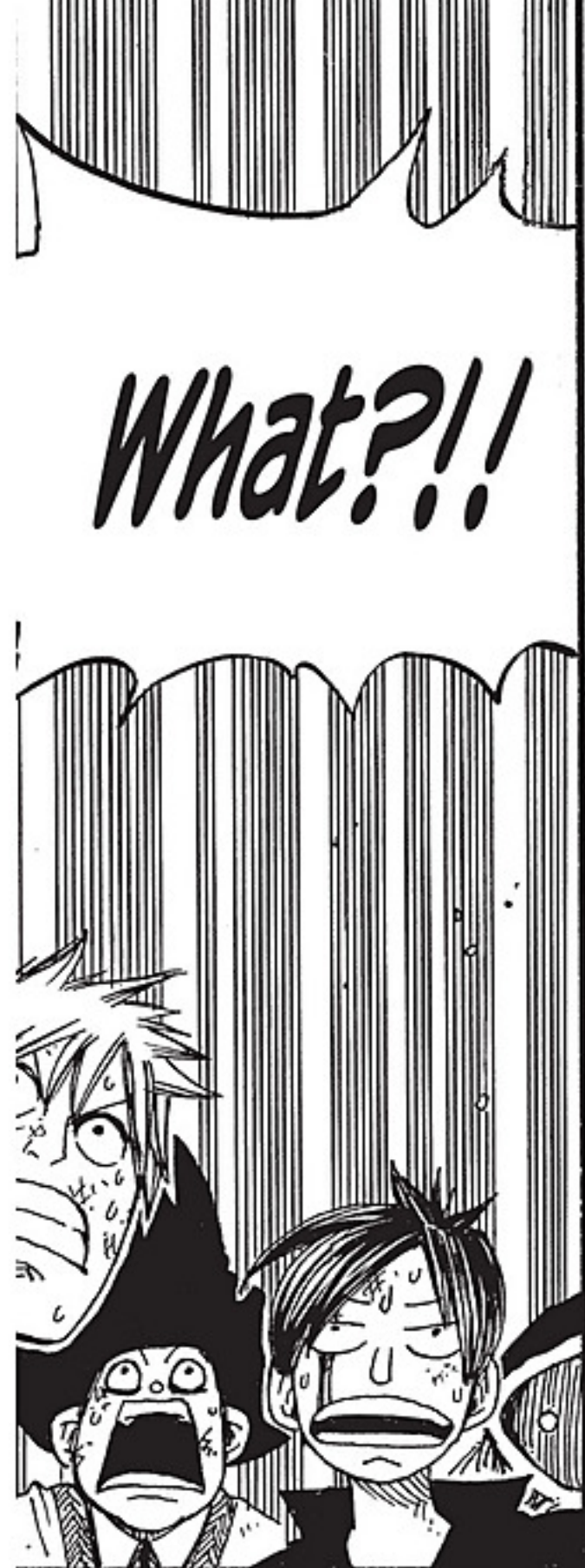




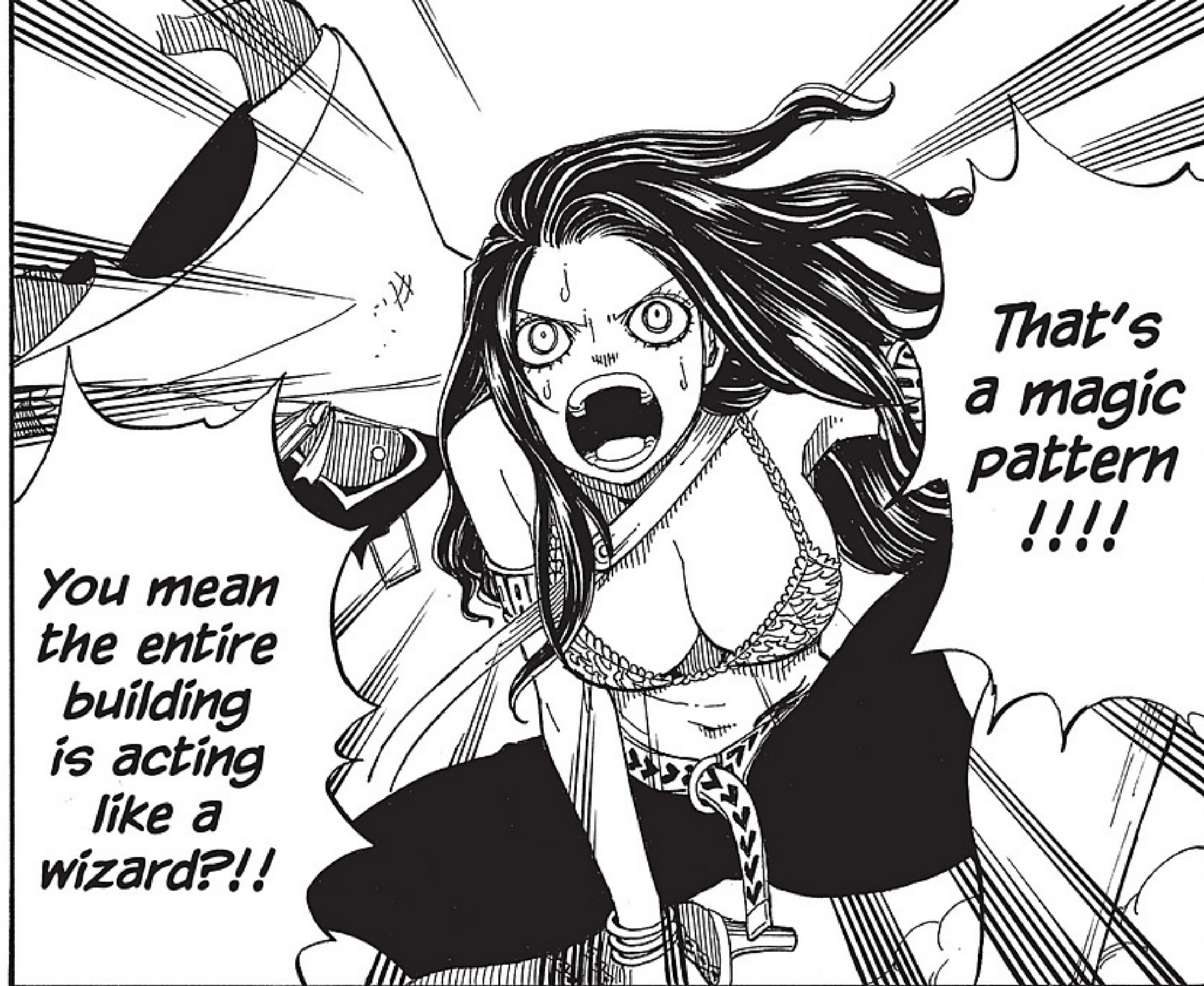






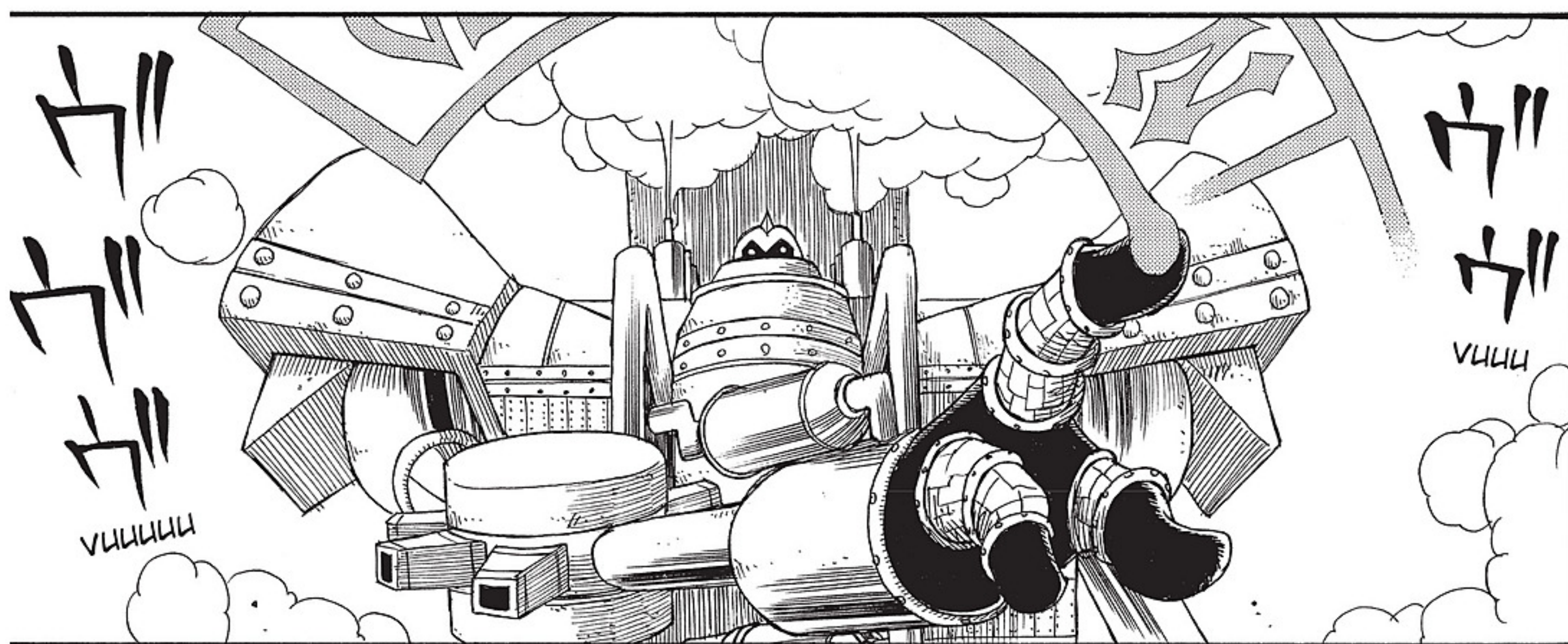


What?!!



You mean the entire building is acting like a wizard?!!

That's a magic pattern !!!!



It's the size that I don't like!!! It's going to create a black wave that will destroy everything as far as the Kardia Cathedral!!!

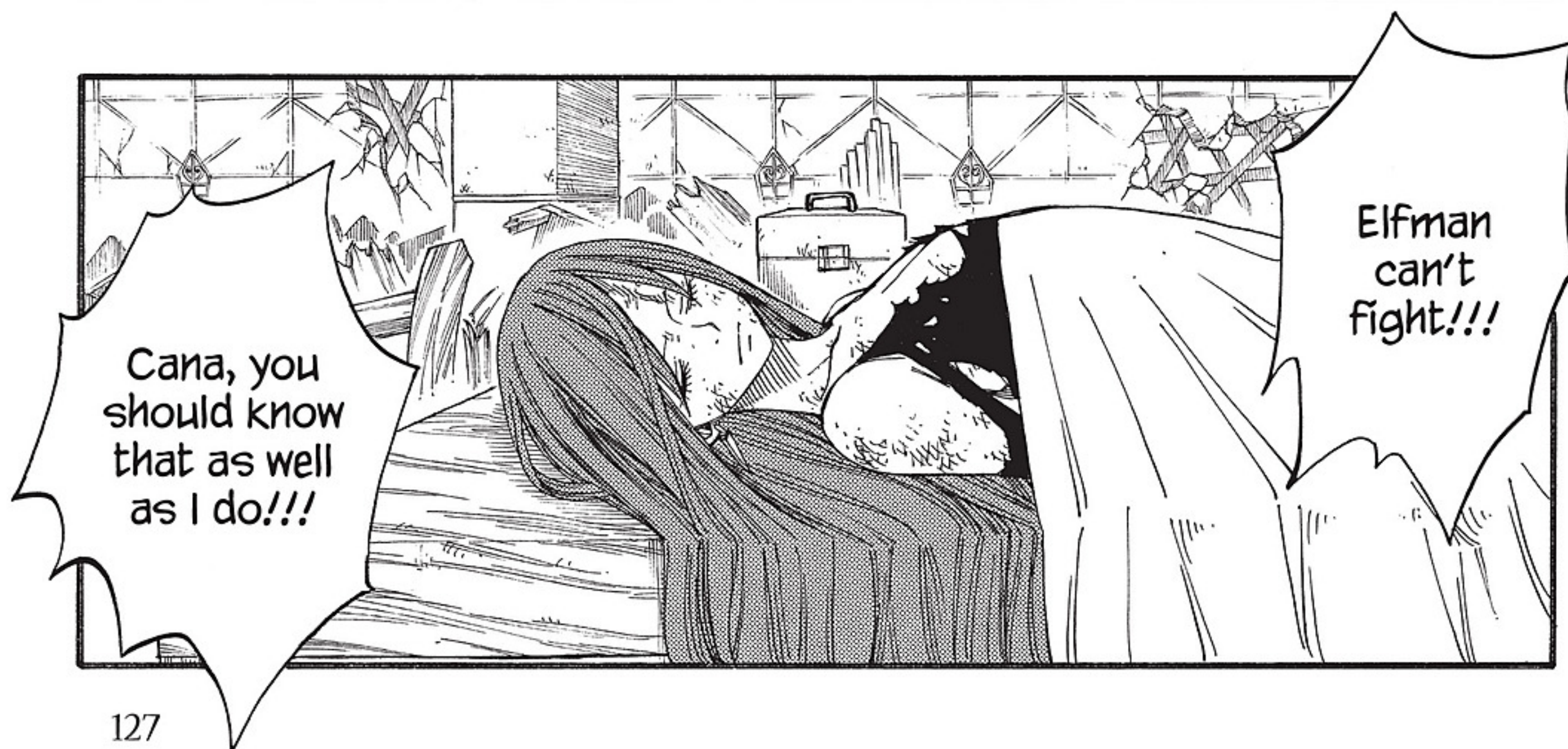
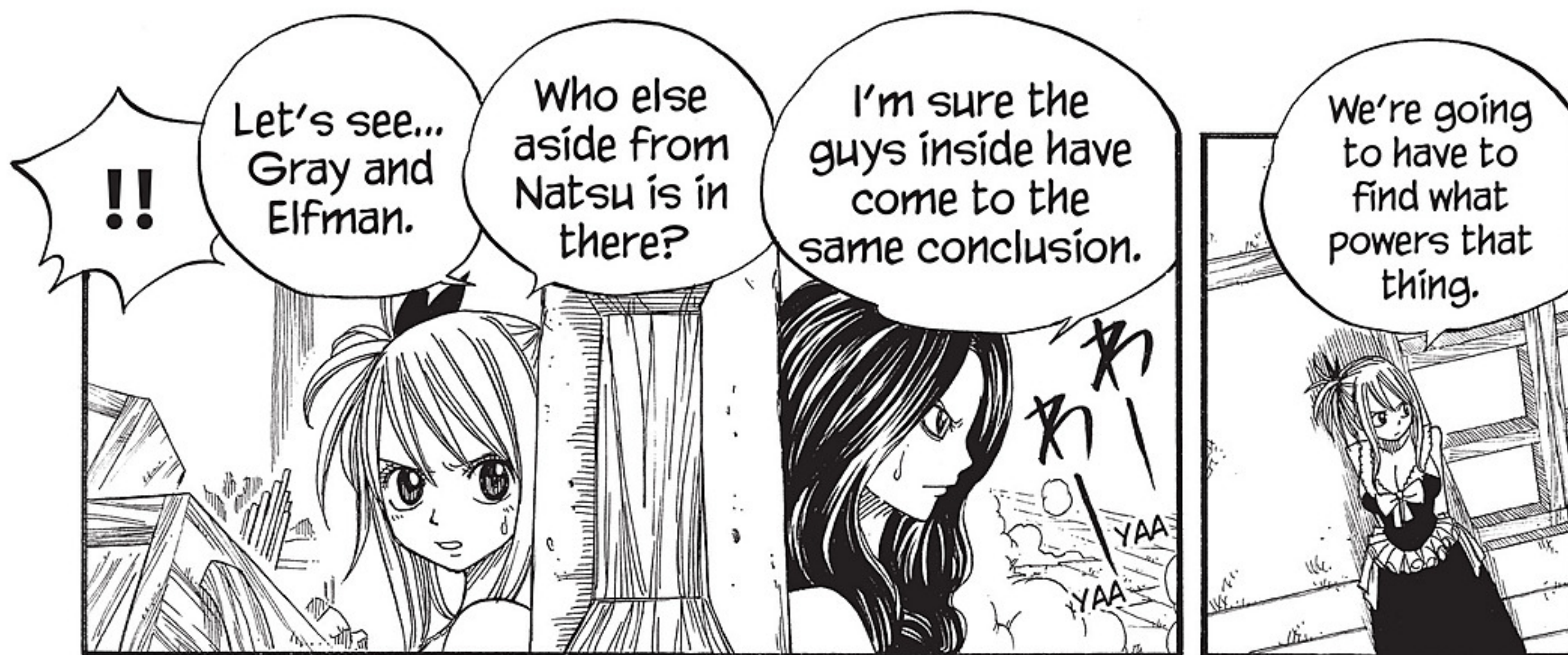


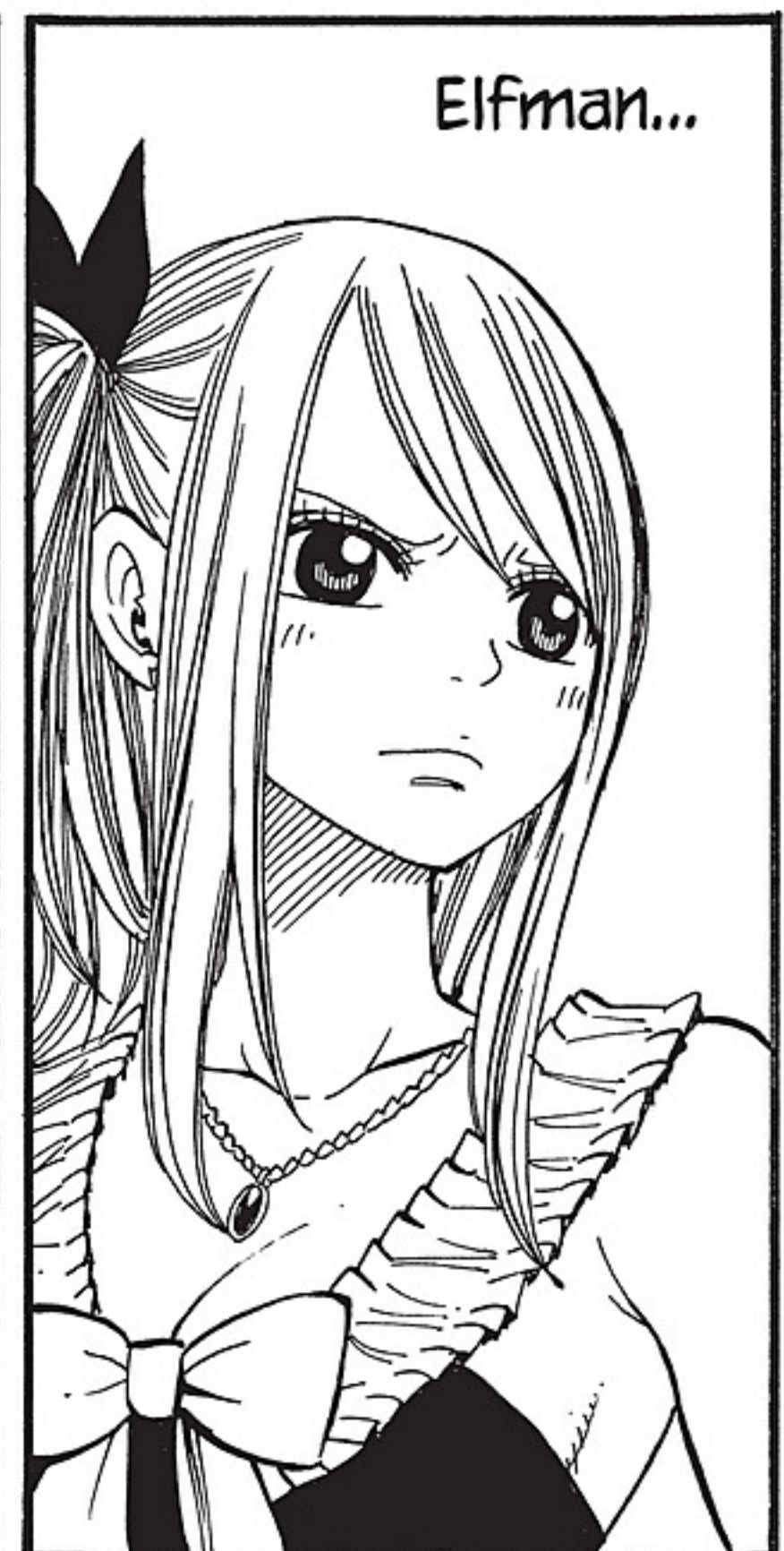
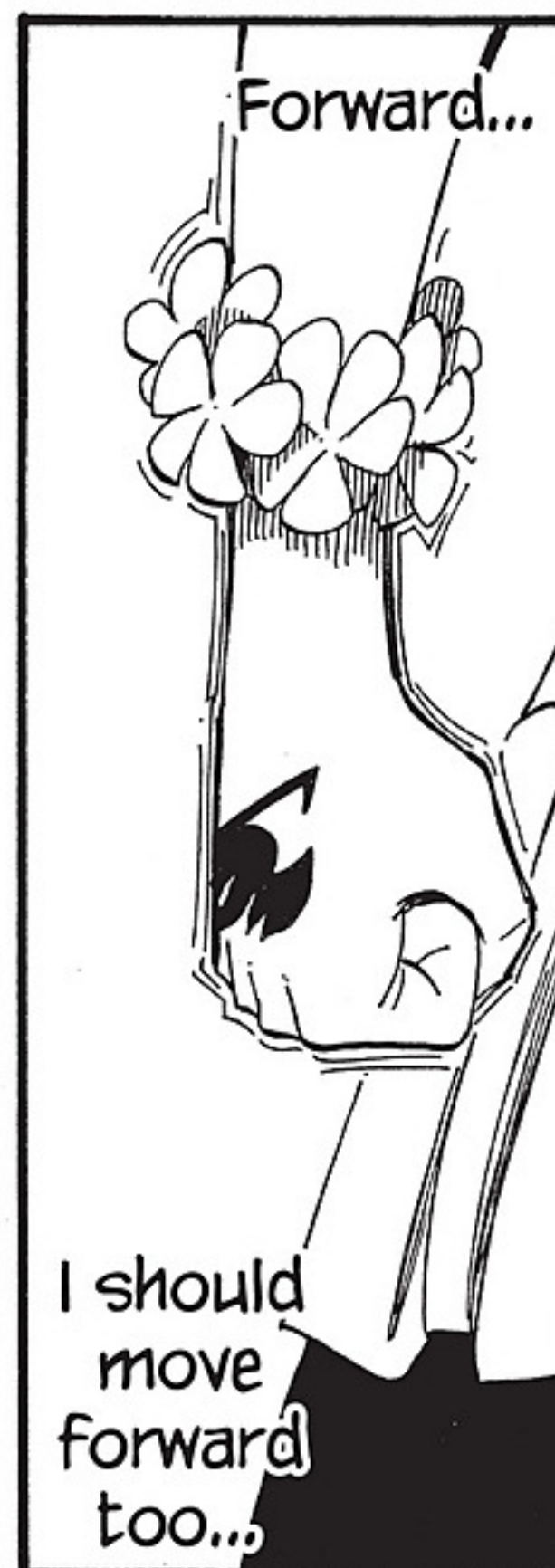
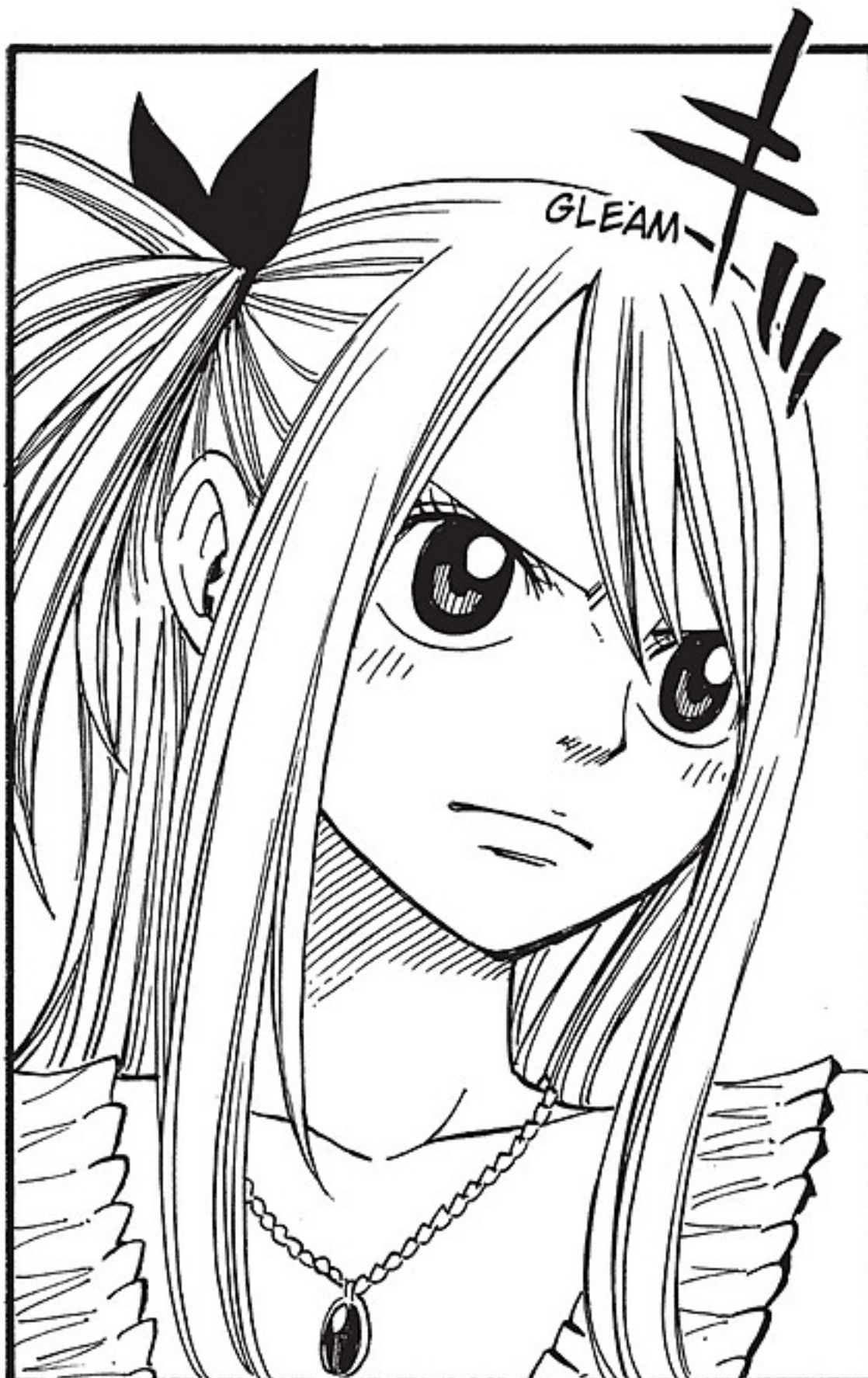
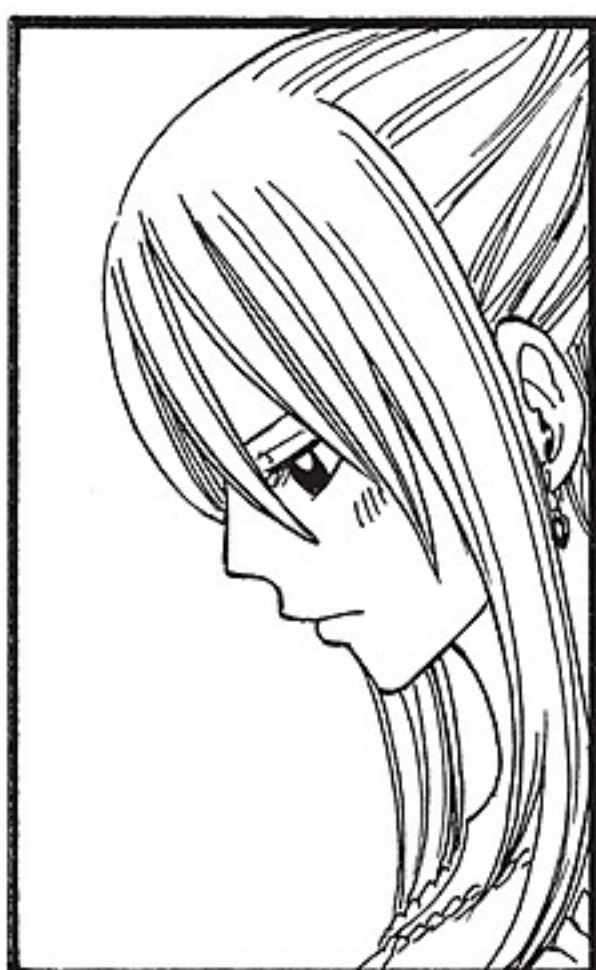
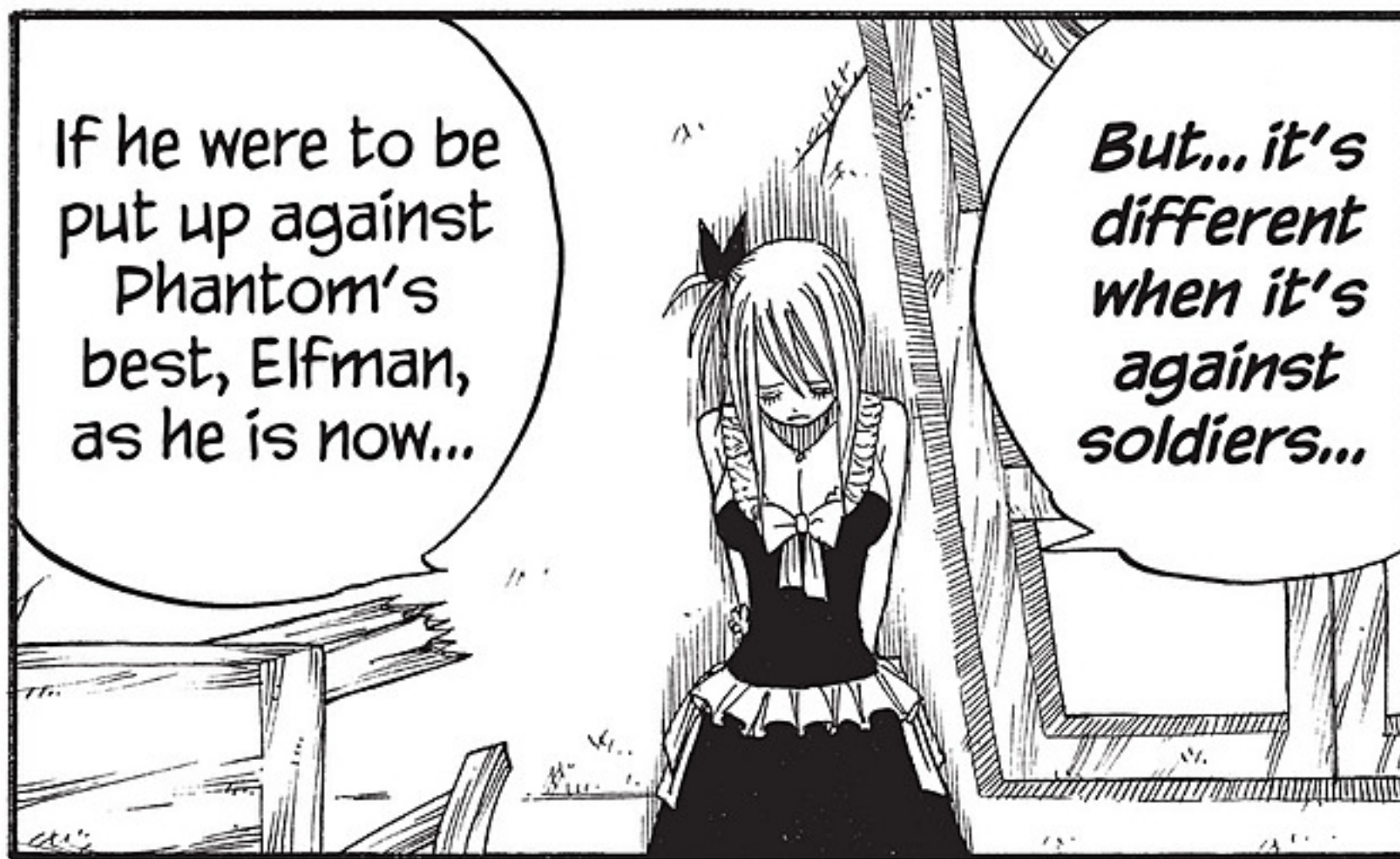
It's one of the forbidden magics...

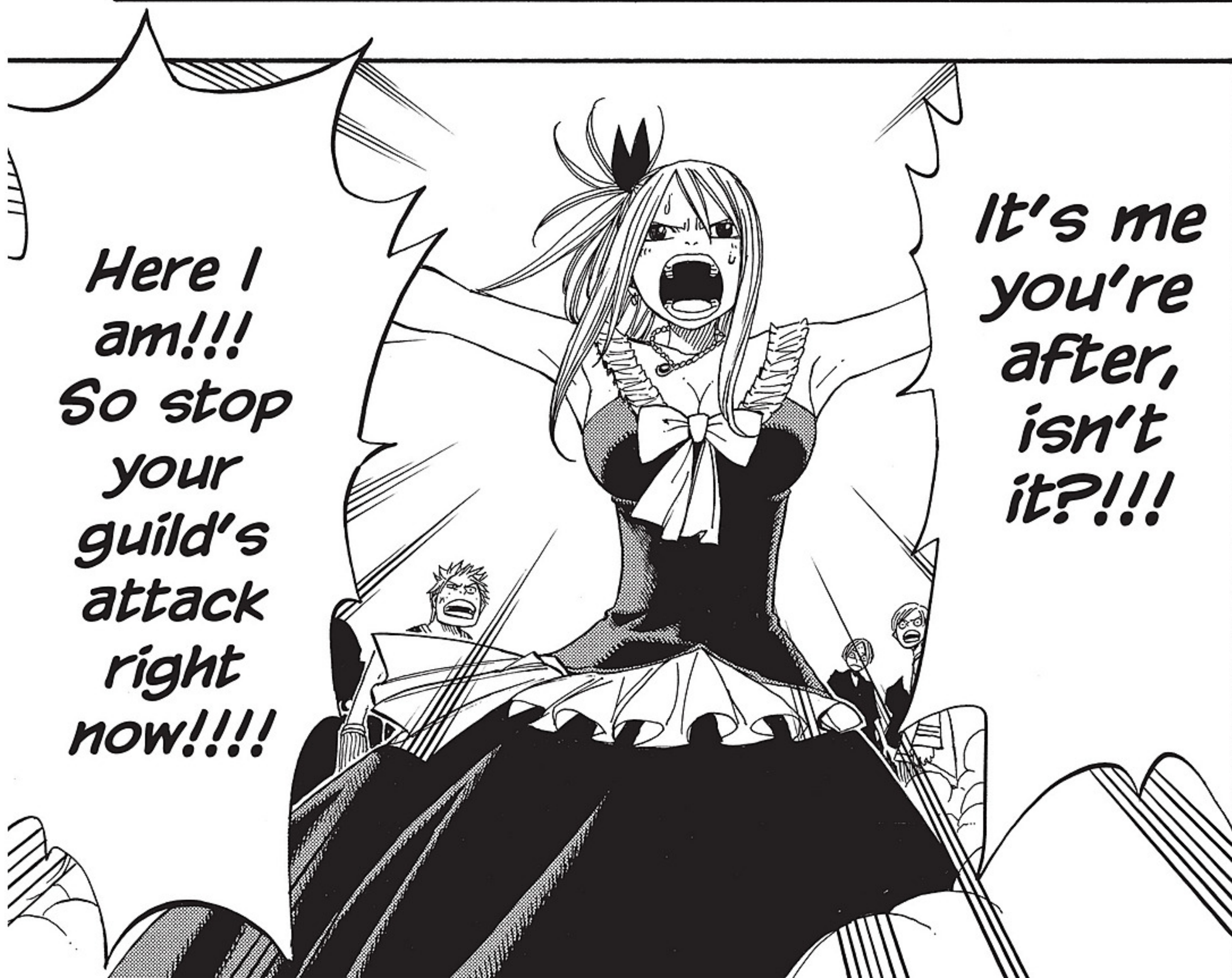
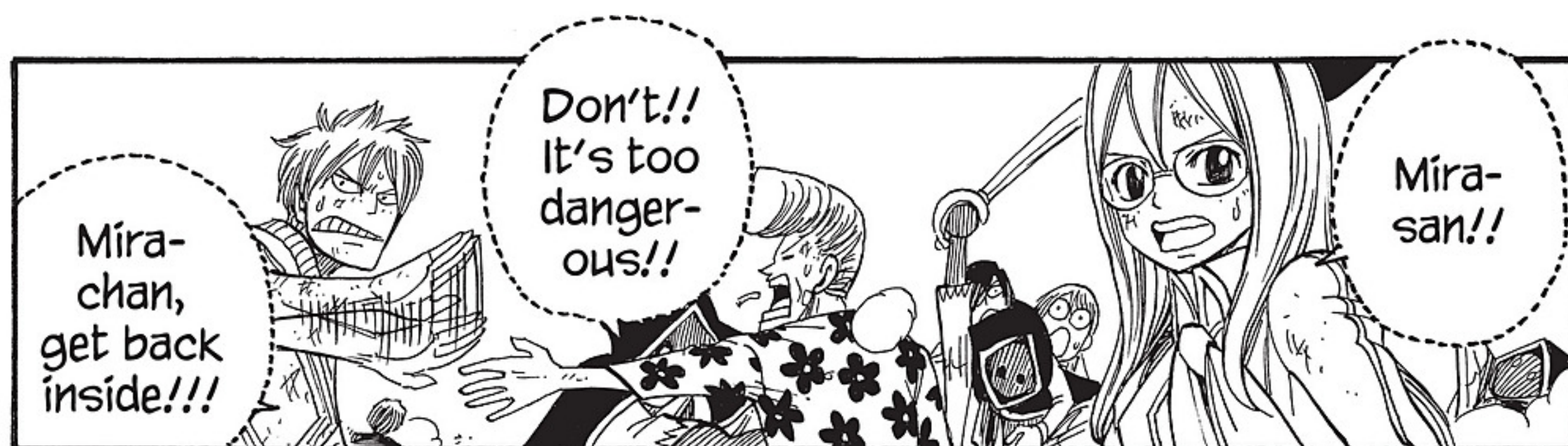
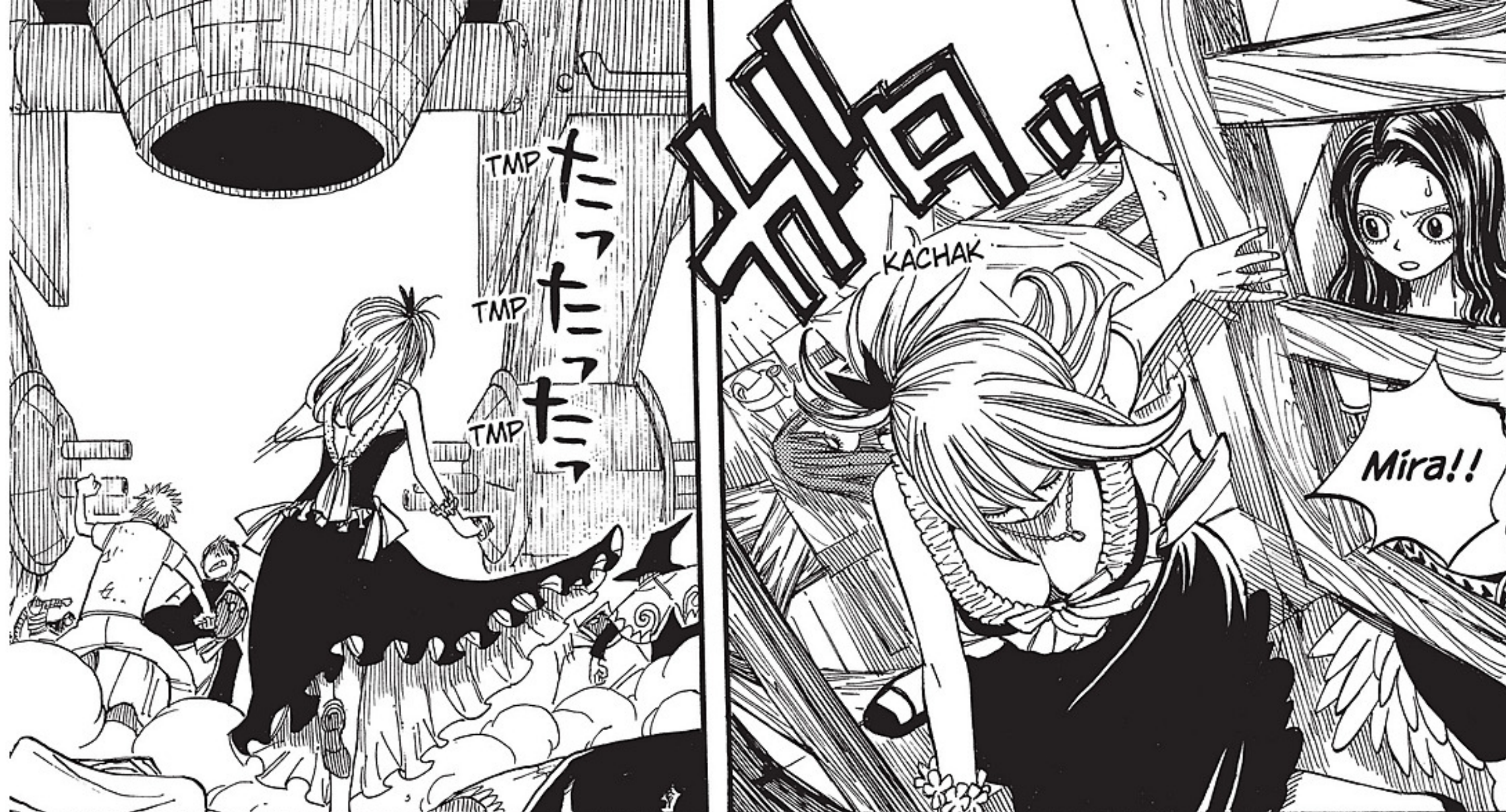
That magic pattern is Abyss Break!!!





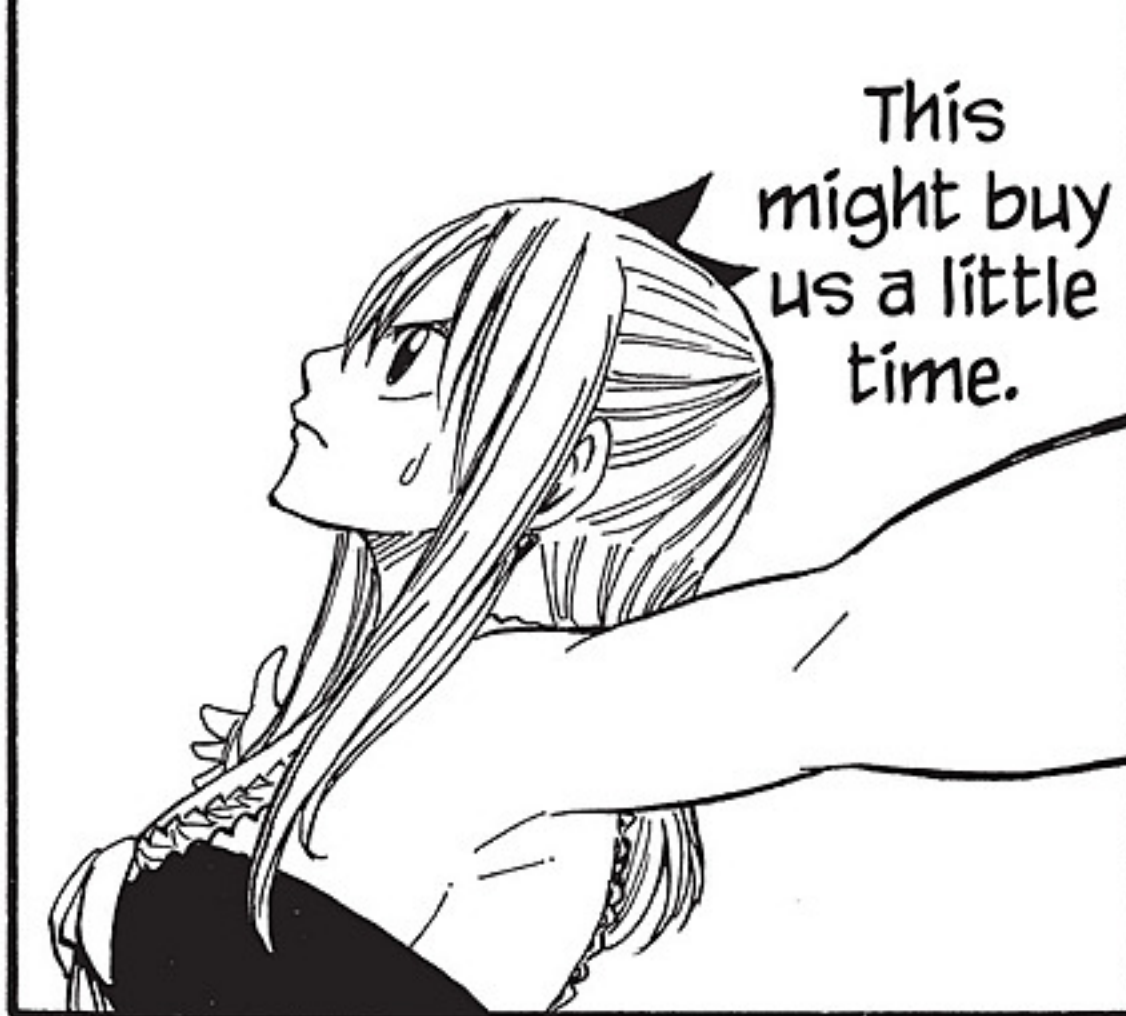








Master!!!
That's...!!!



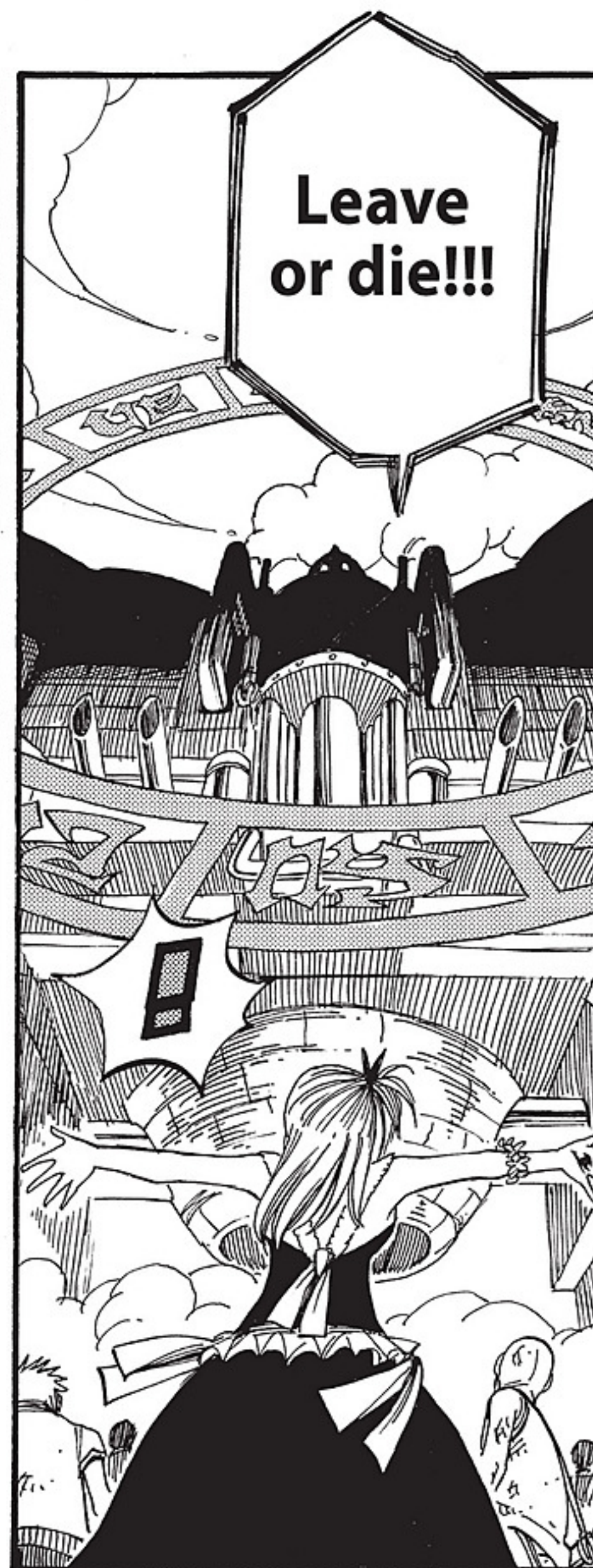
This
might buy
us a little
time.



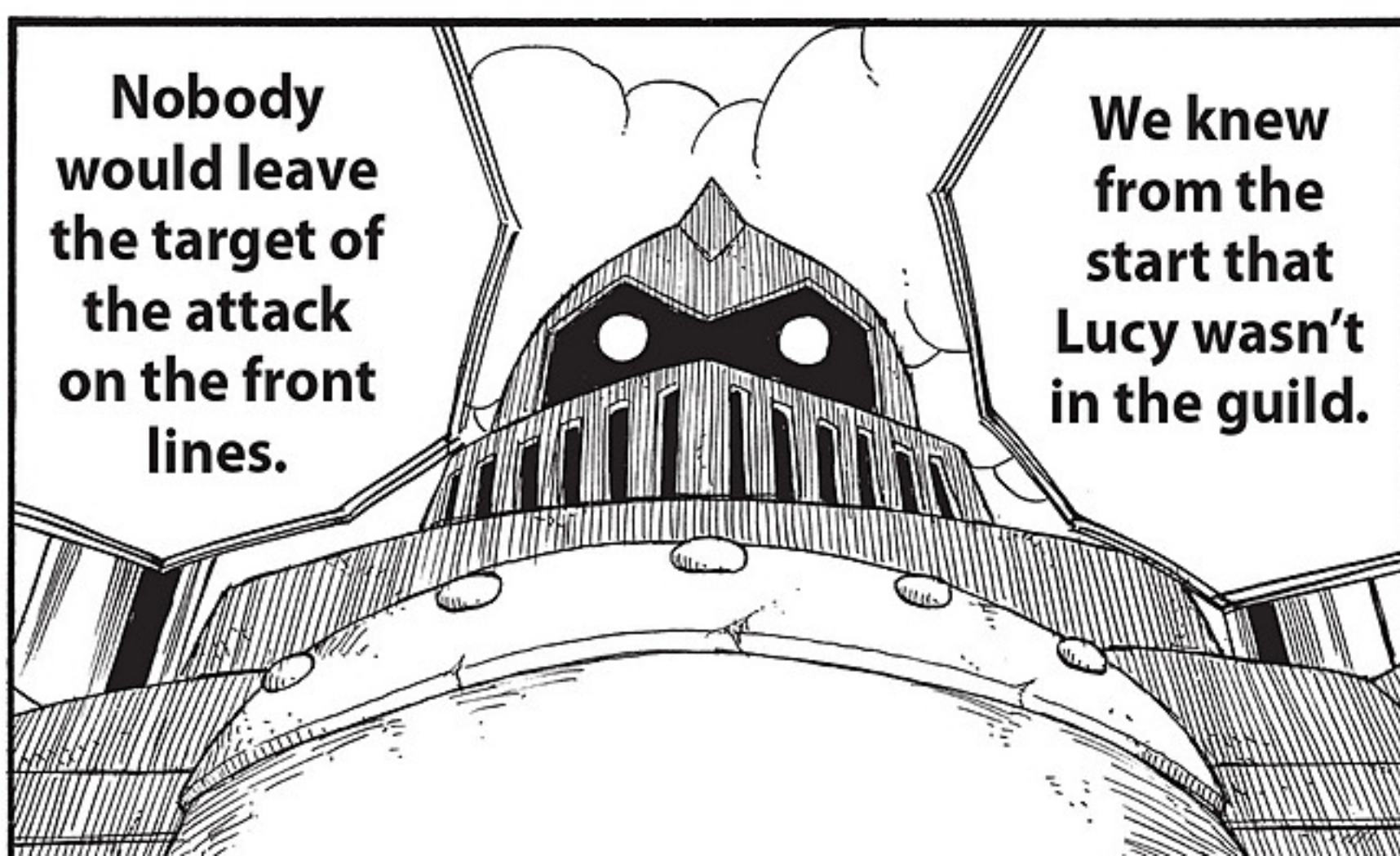
CHATTER
騒物
CHATTER
騒物



*You
imposter
!!!*

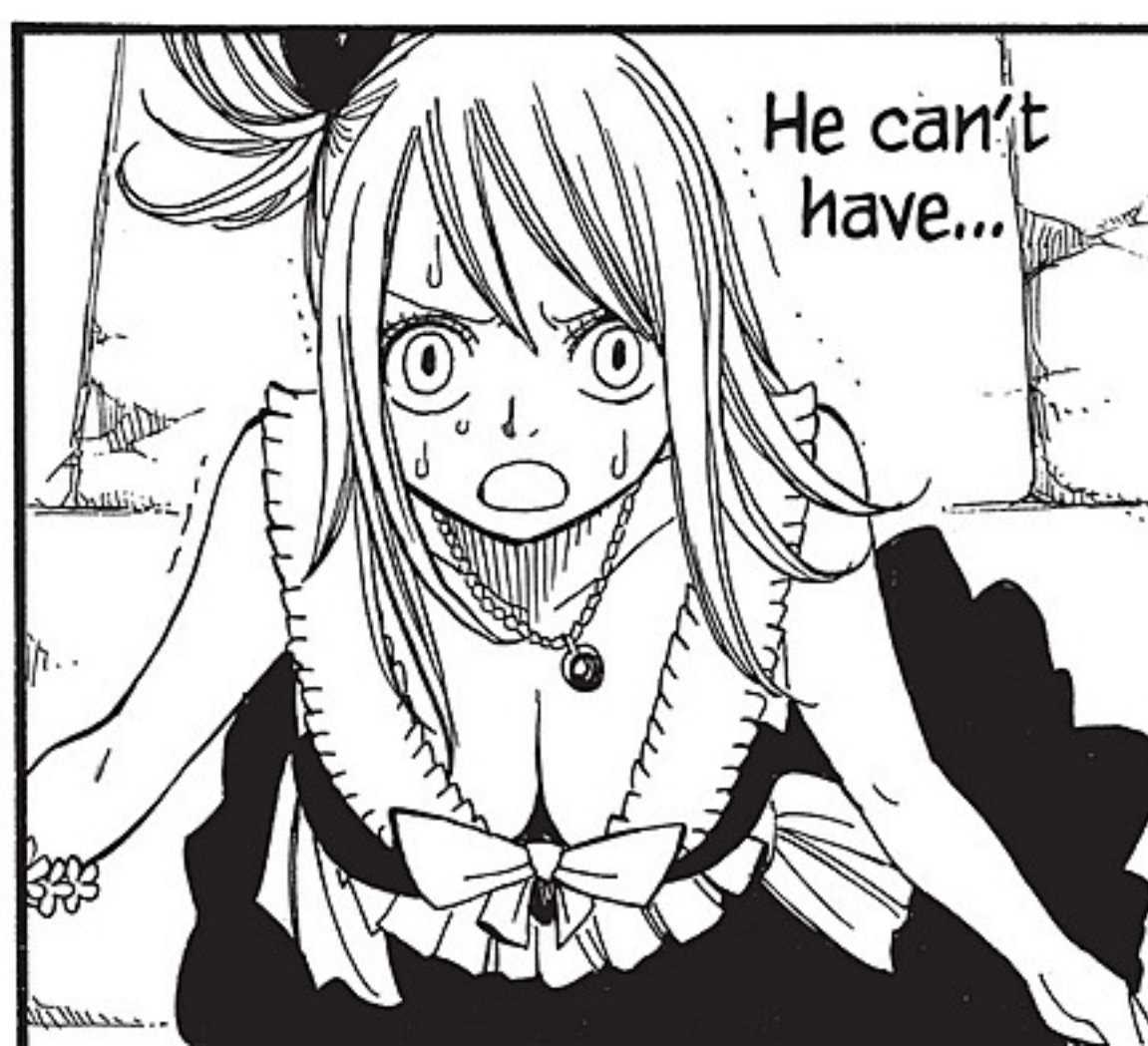


Leave
or die!!!

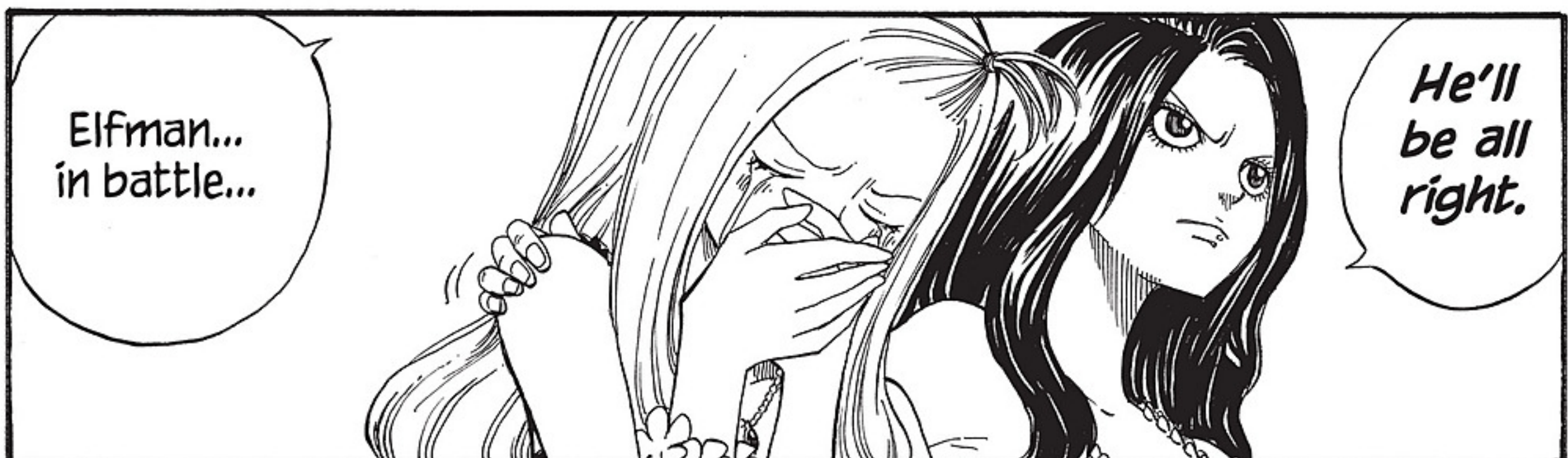
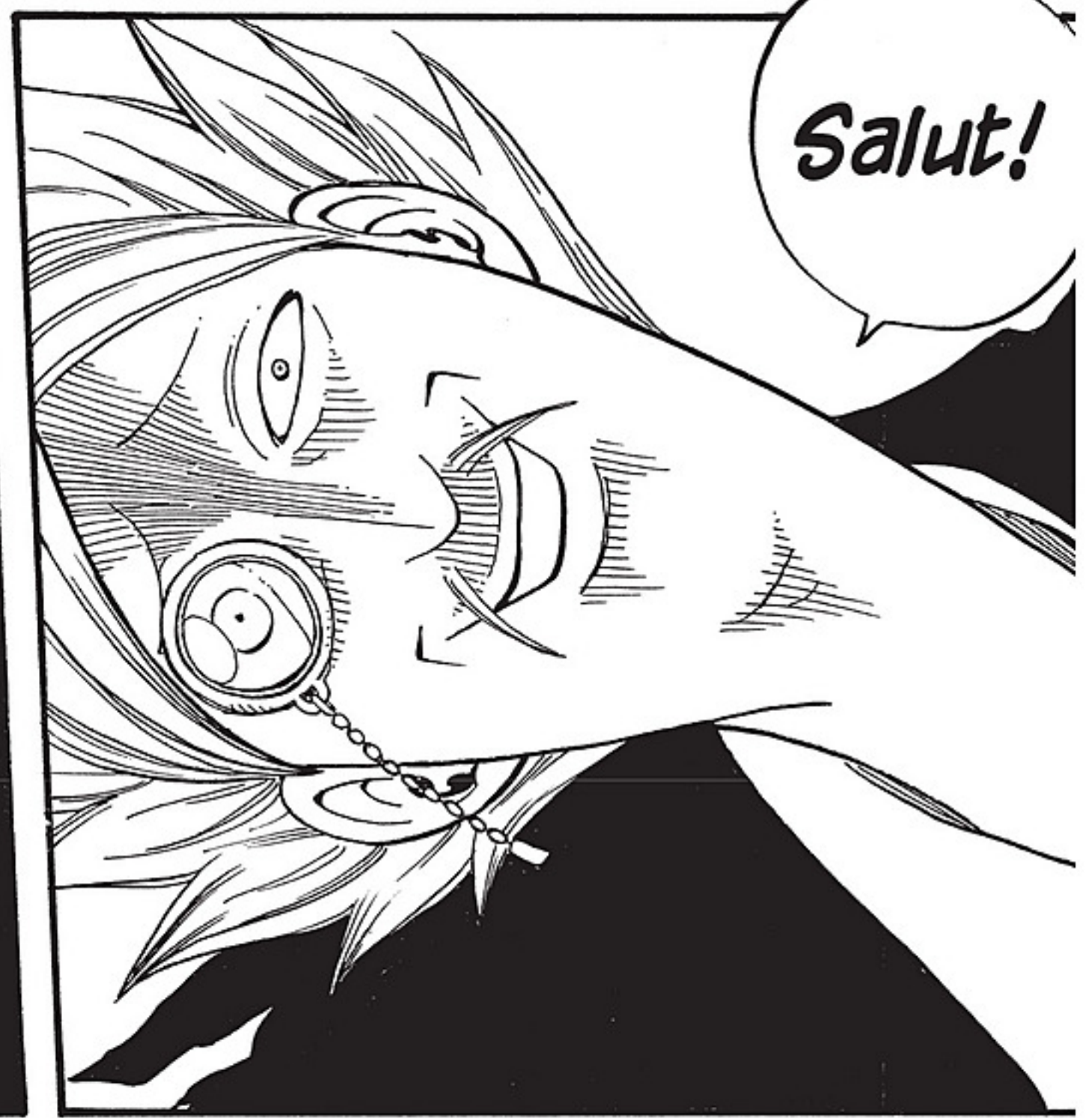
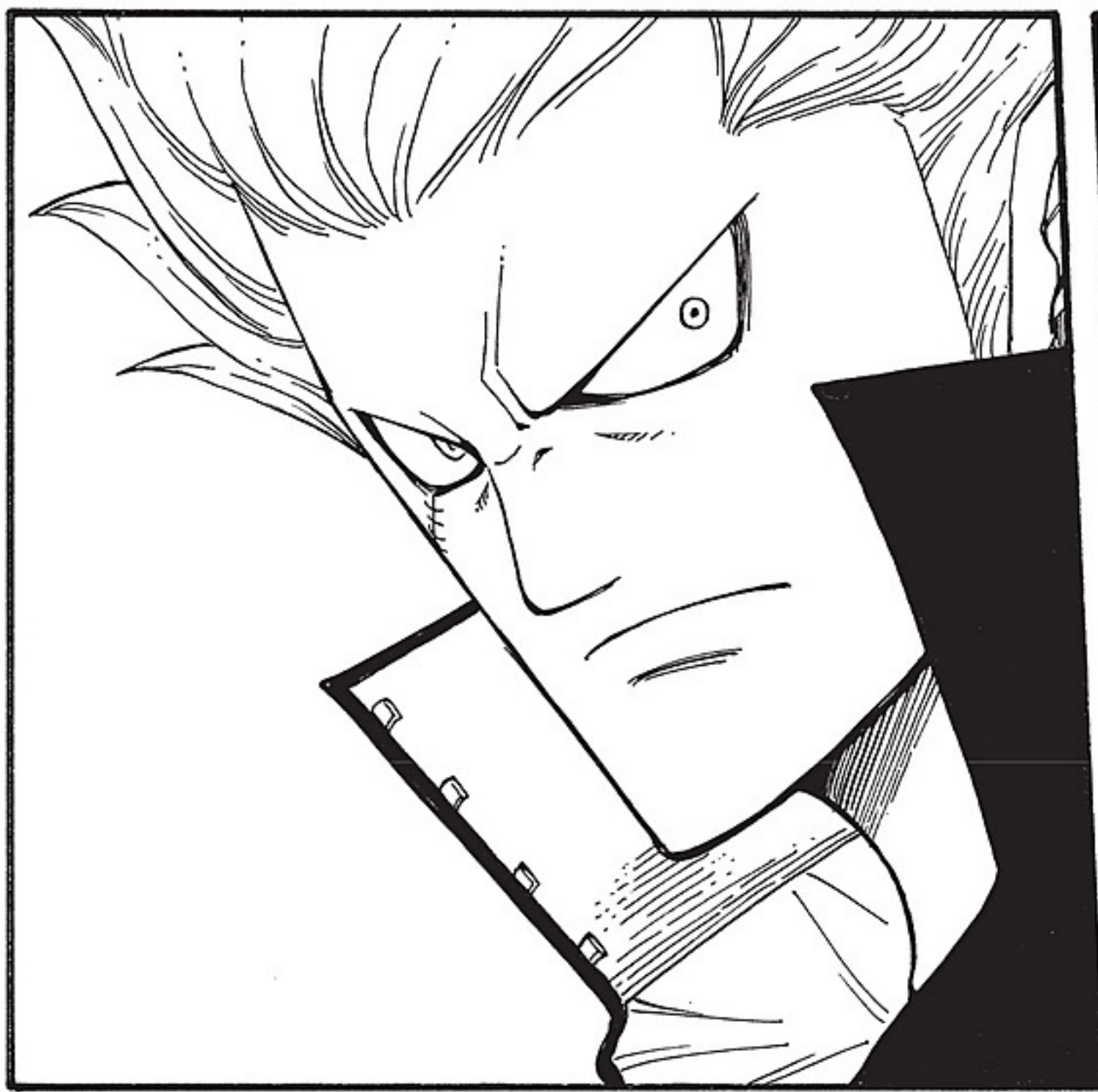


Nobody
would leave
the target of
the attack
on the front
lines.

We knew
from the
start that
Lucy wasn't
in the guild.



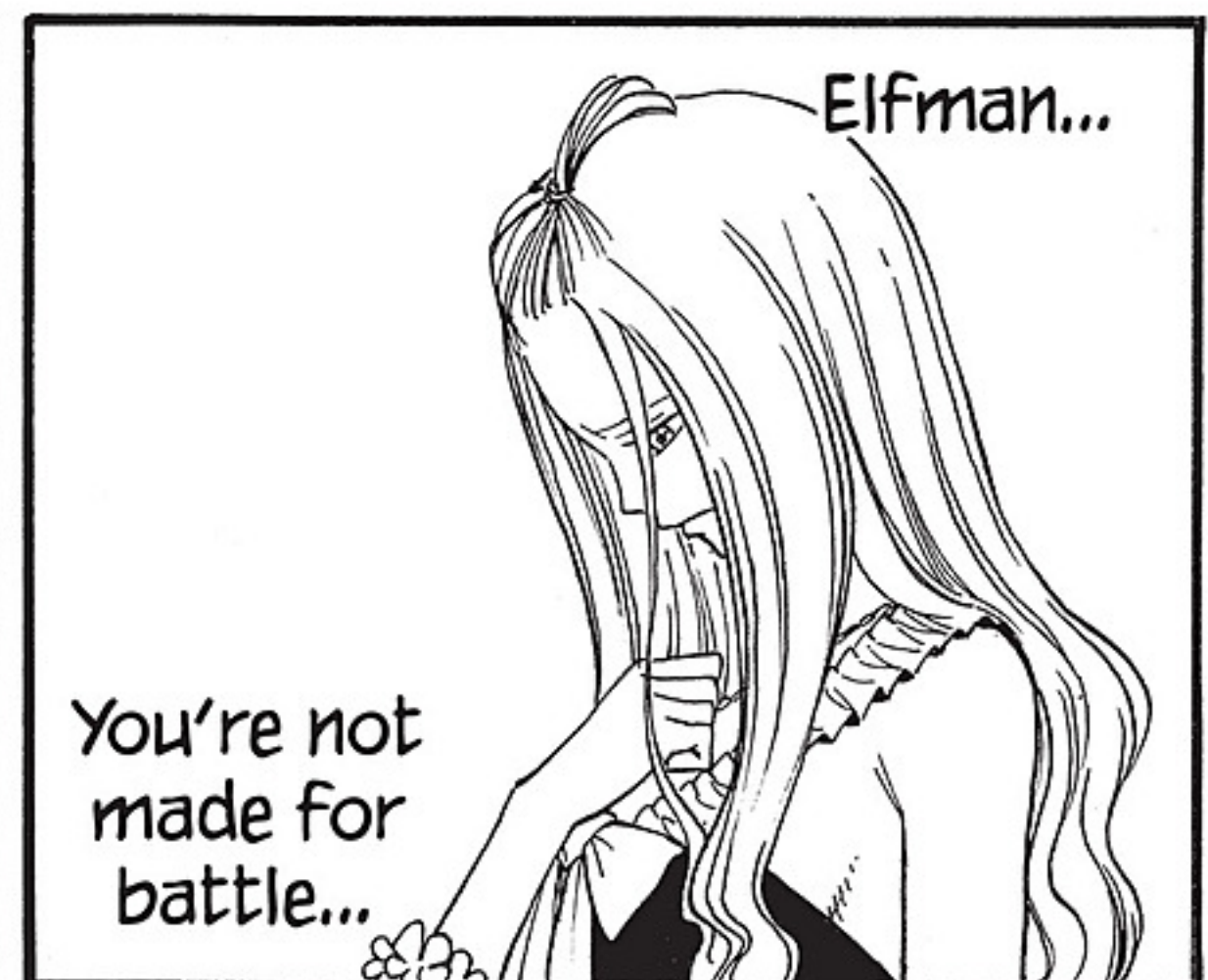
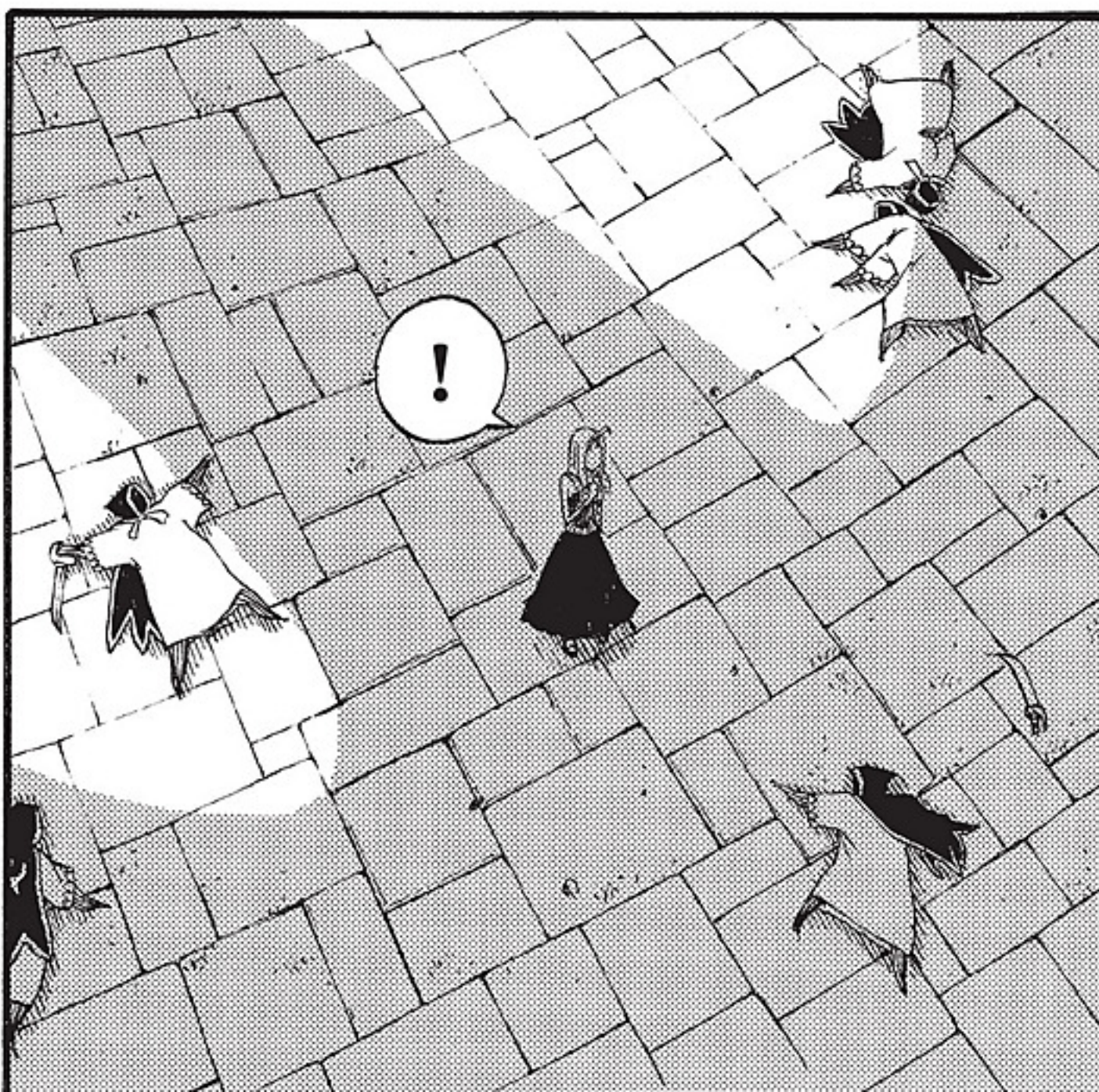
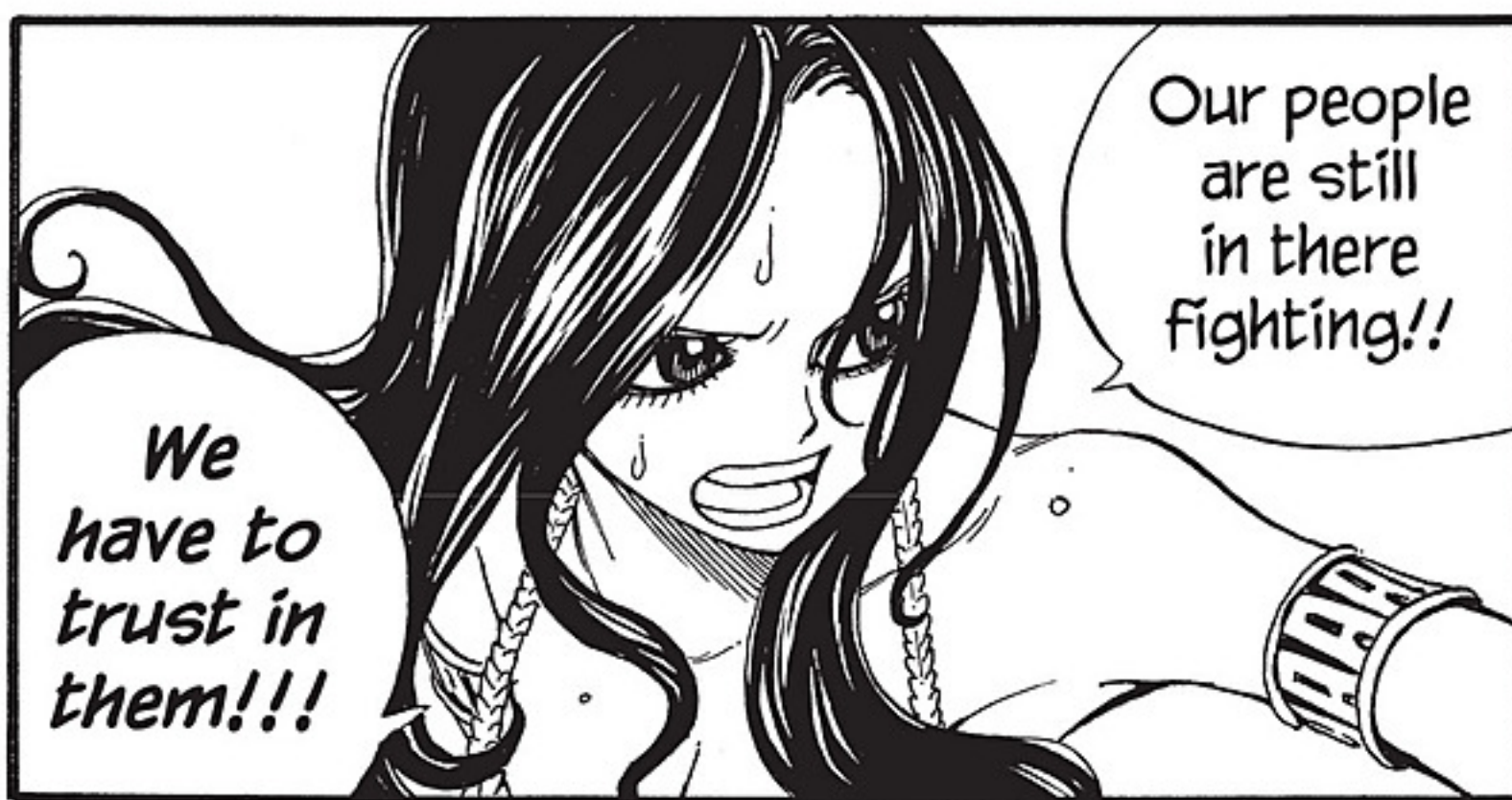
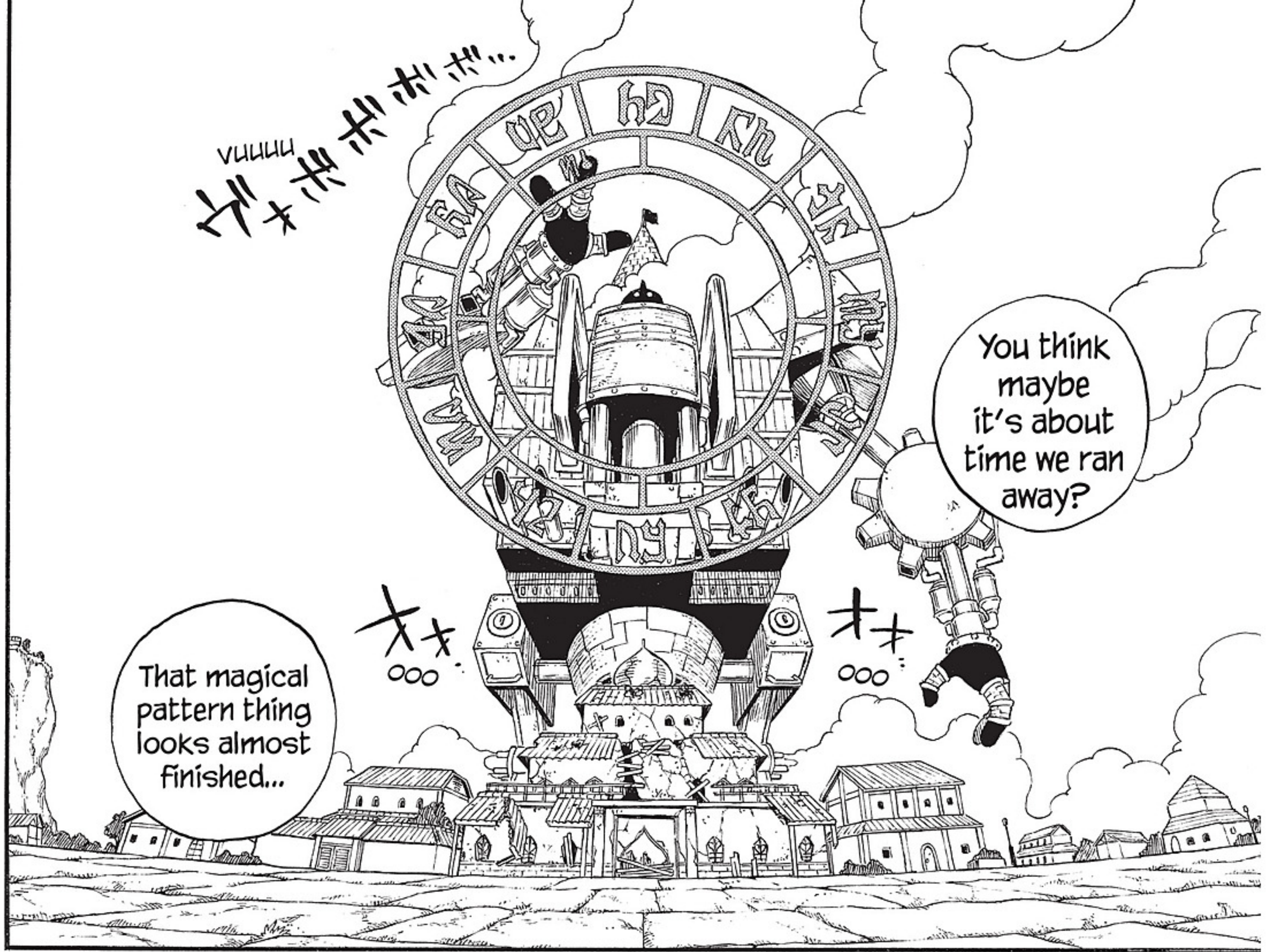
He can't
have...

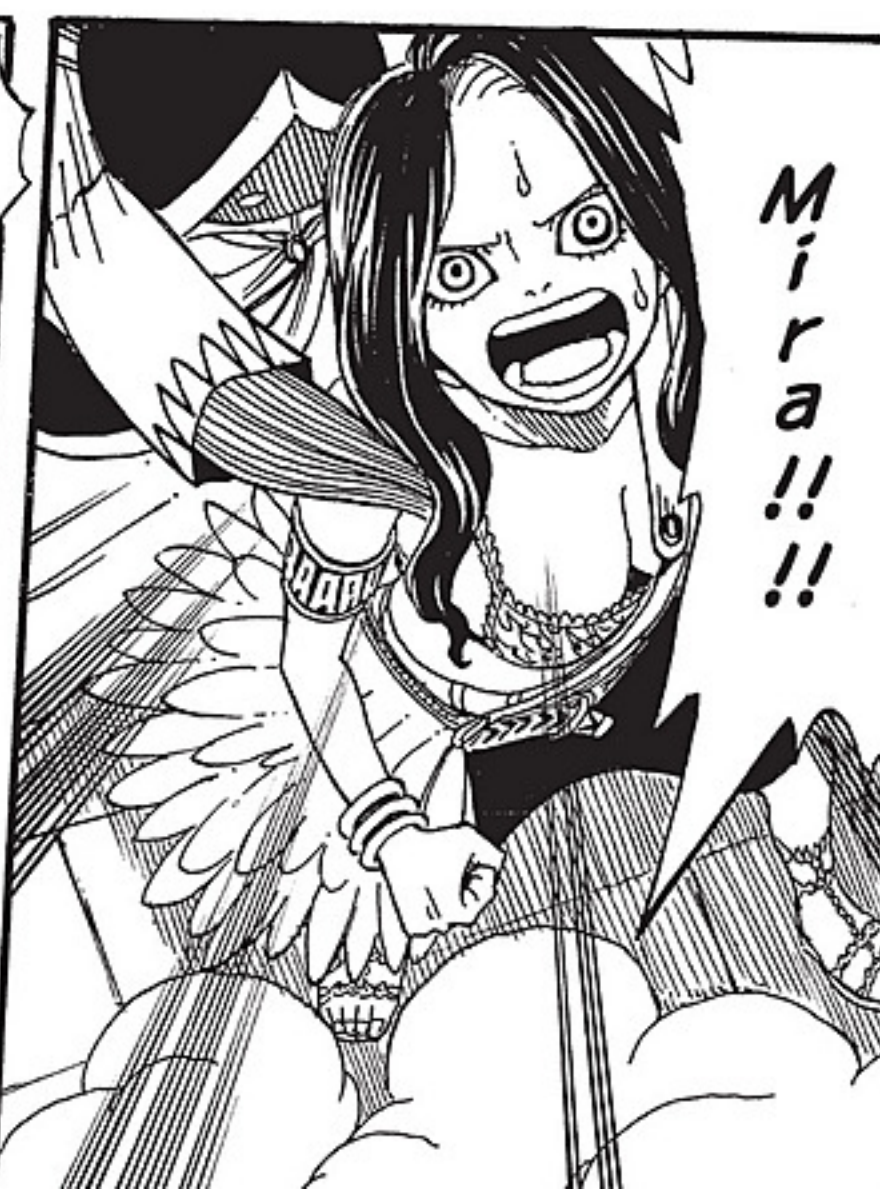
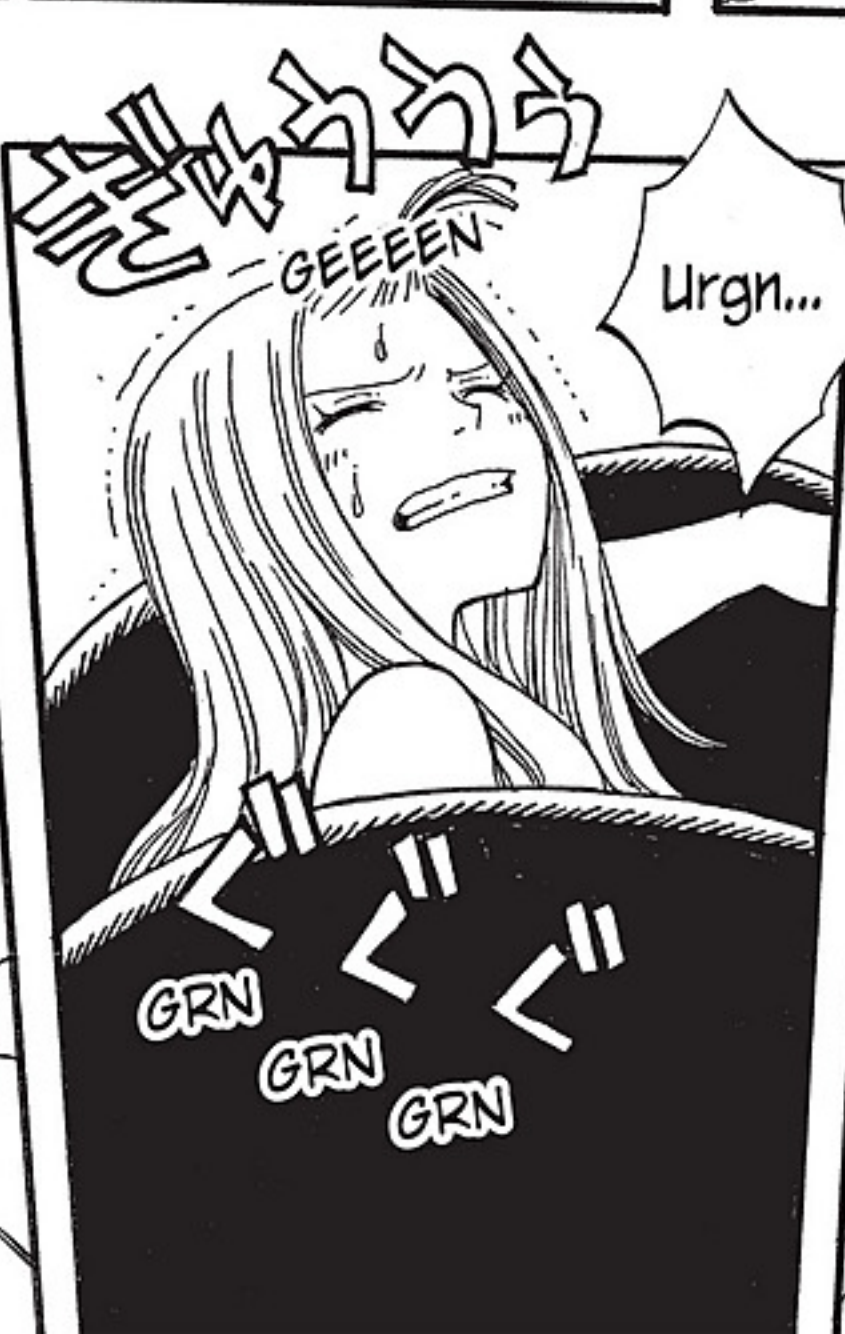
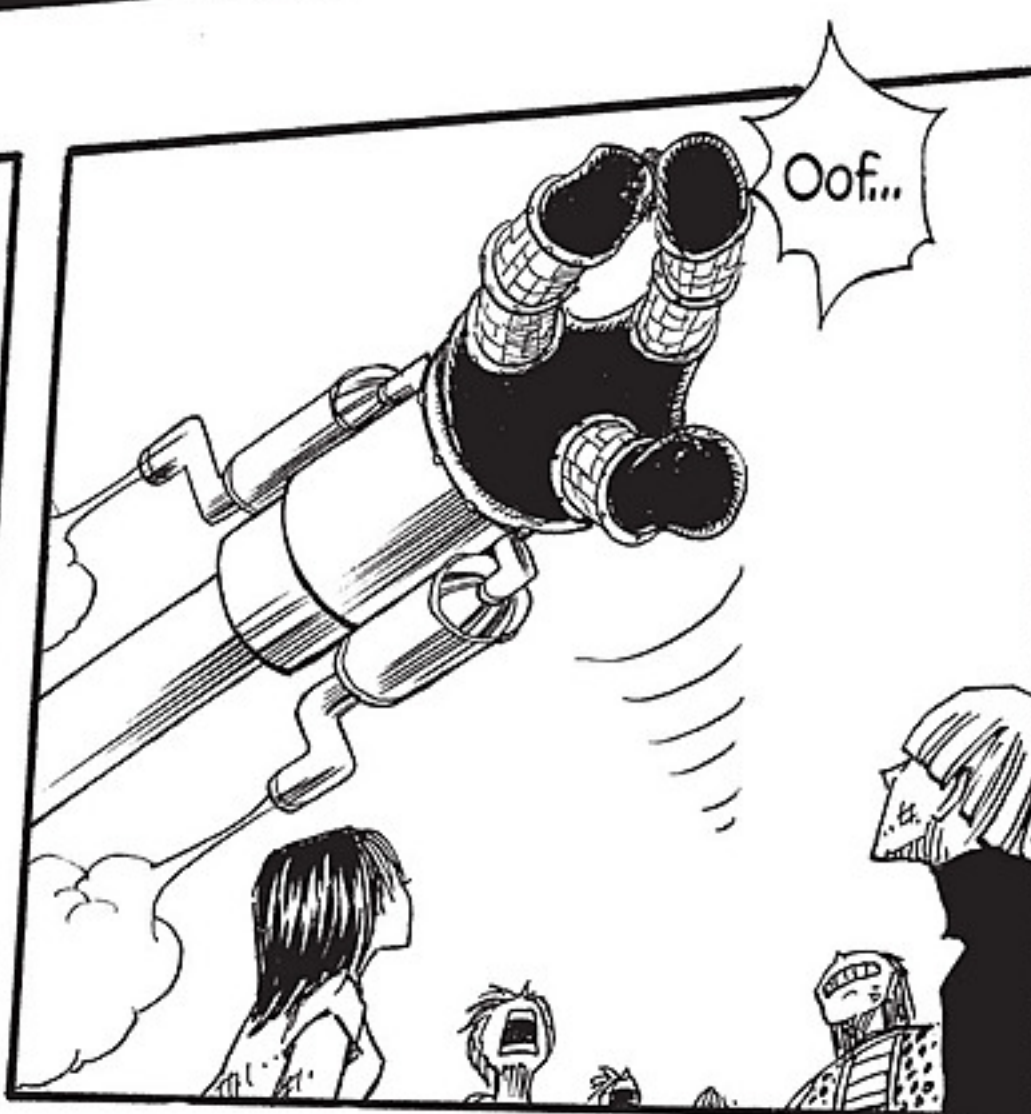
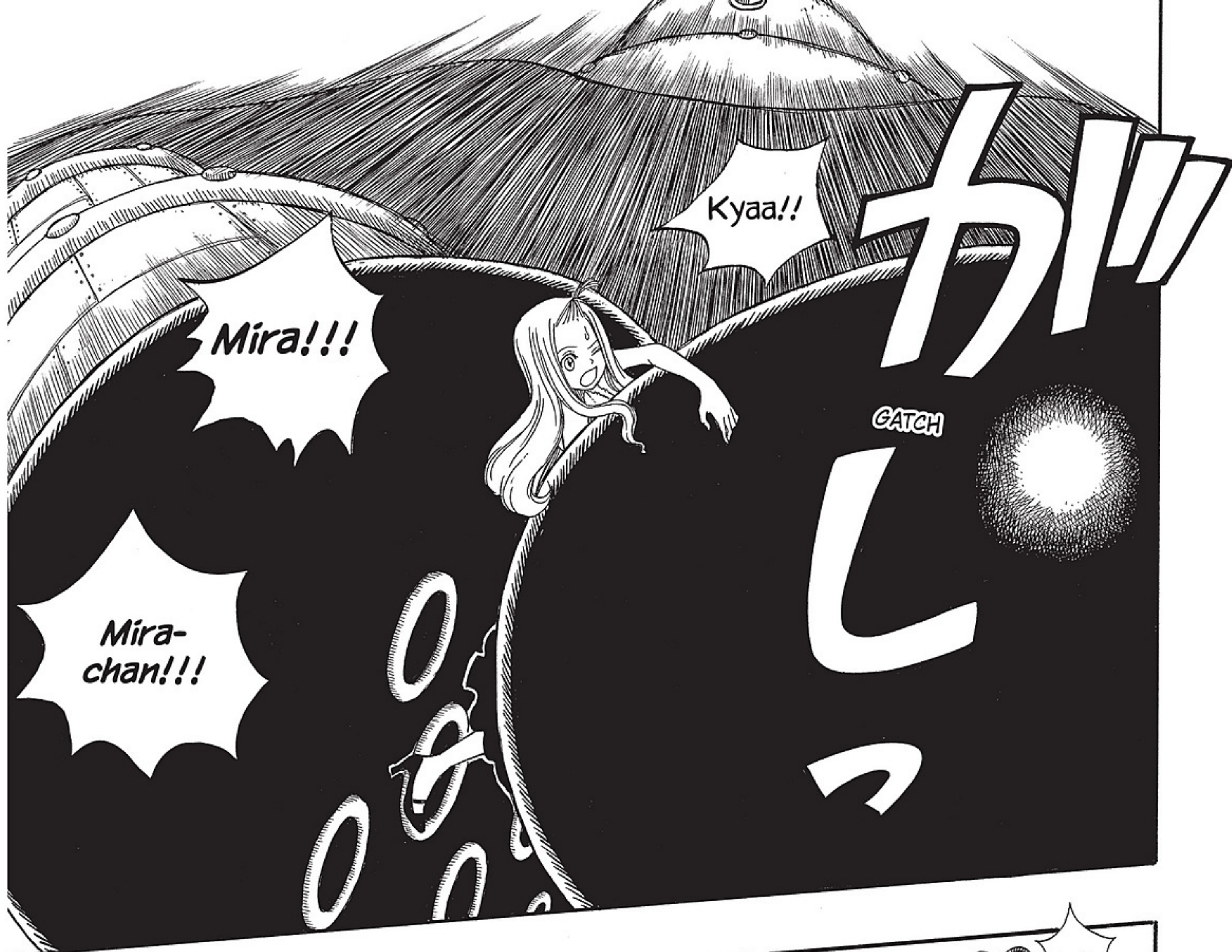


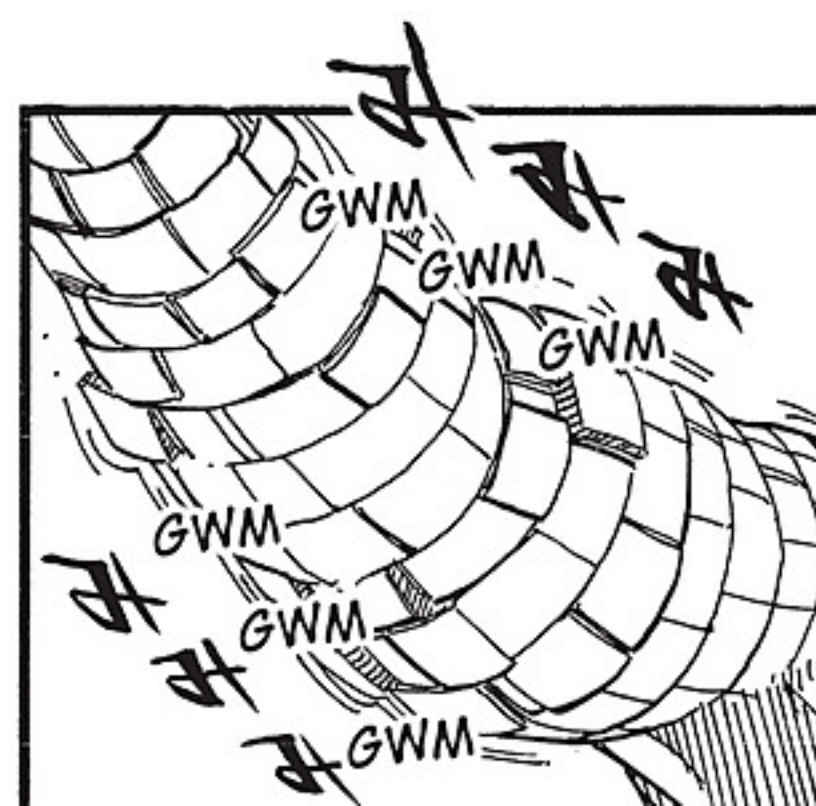
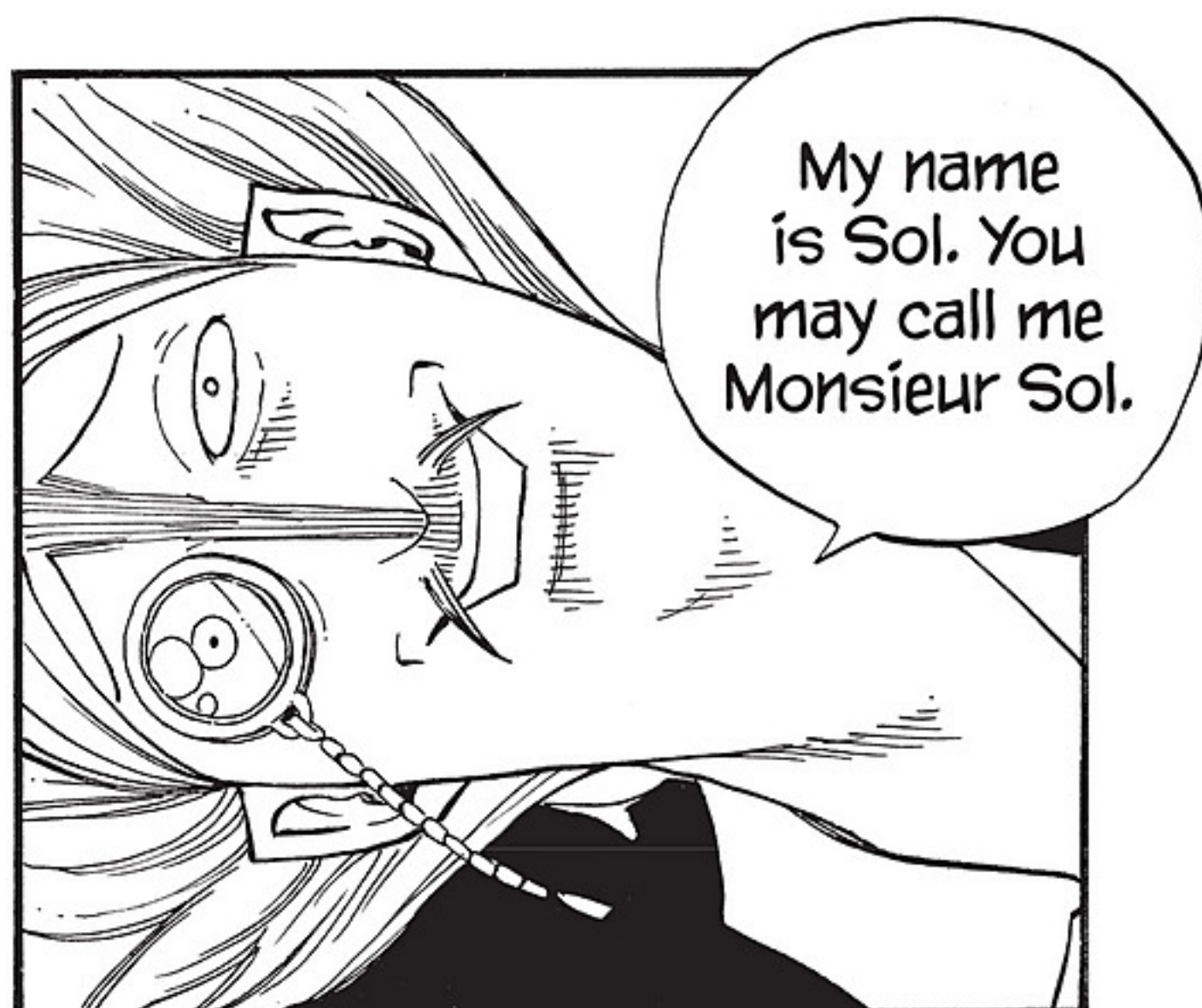
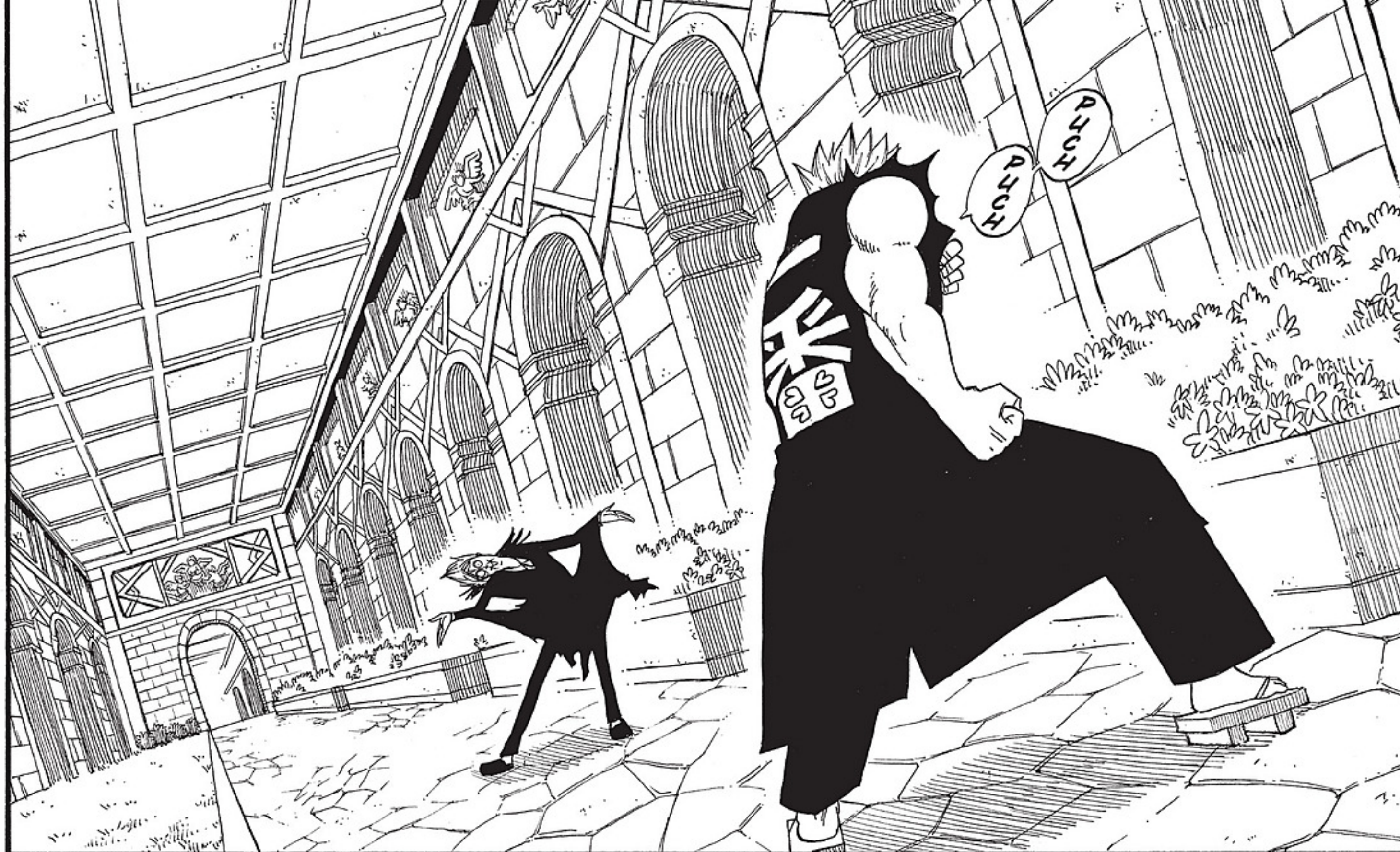
FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 55: So No One Sees the Tears

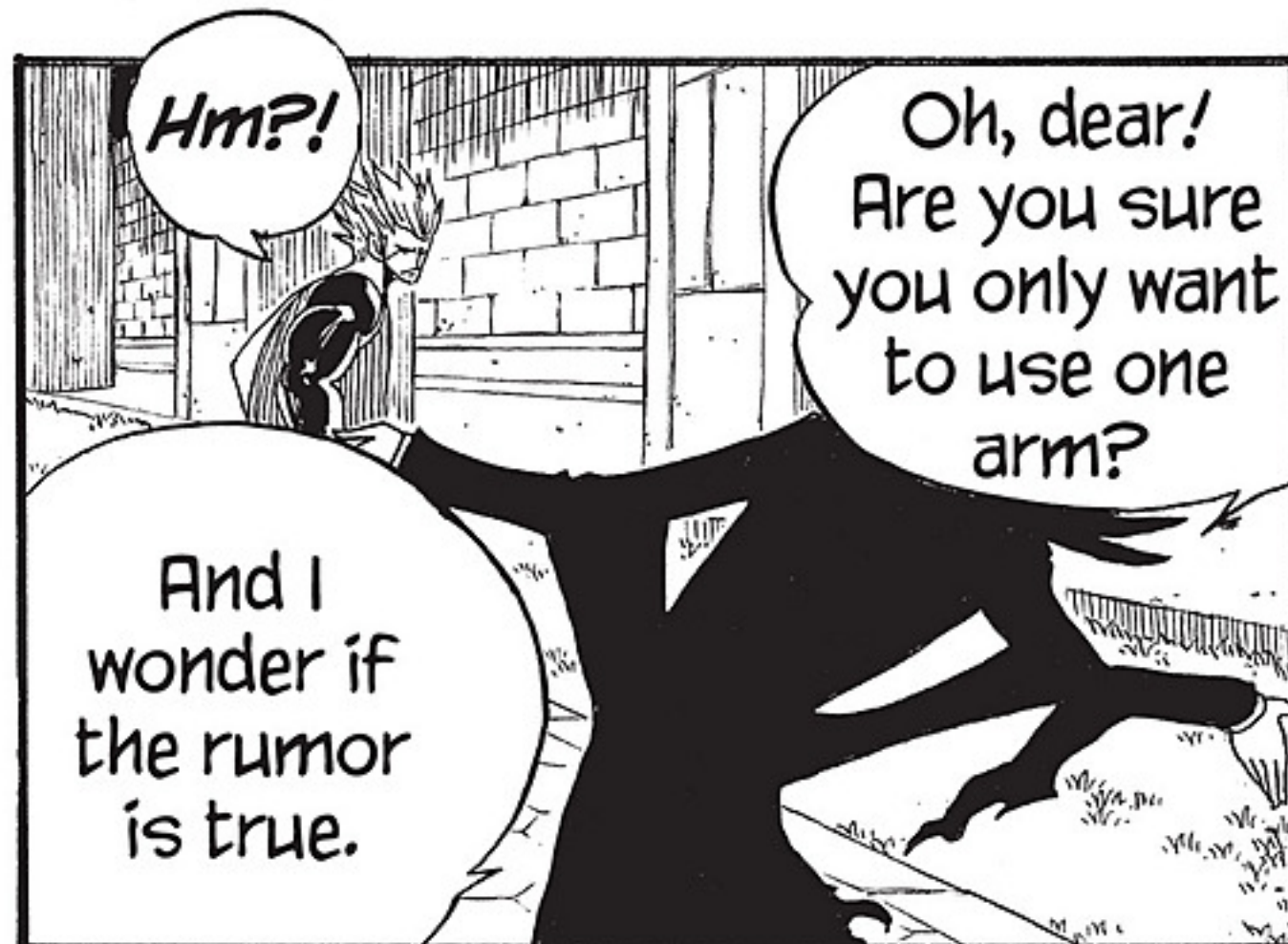








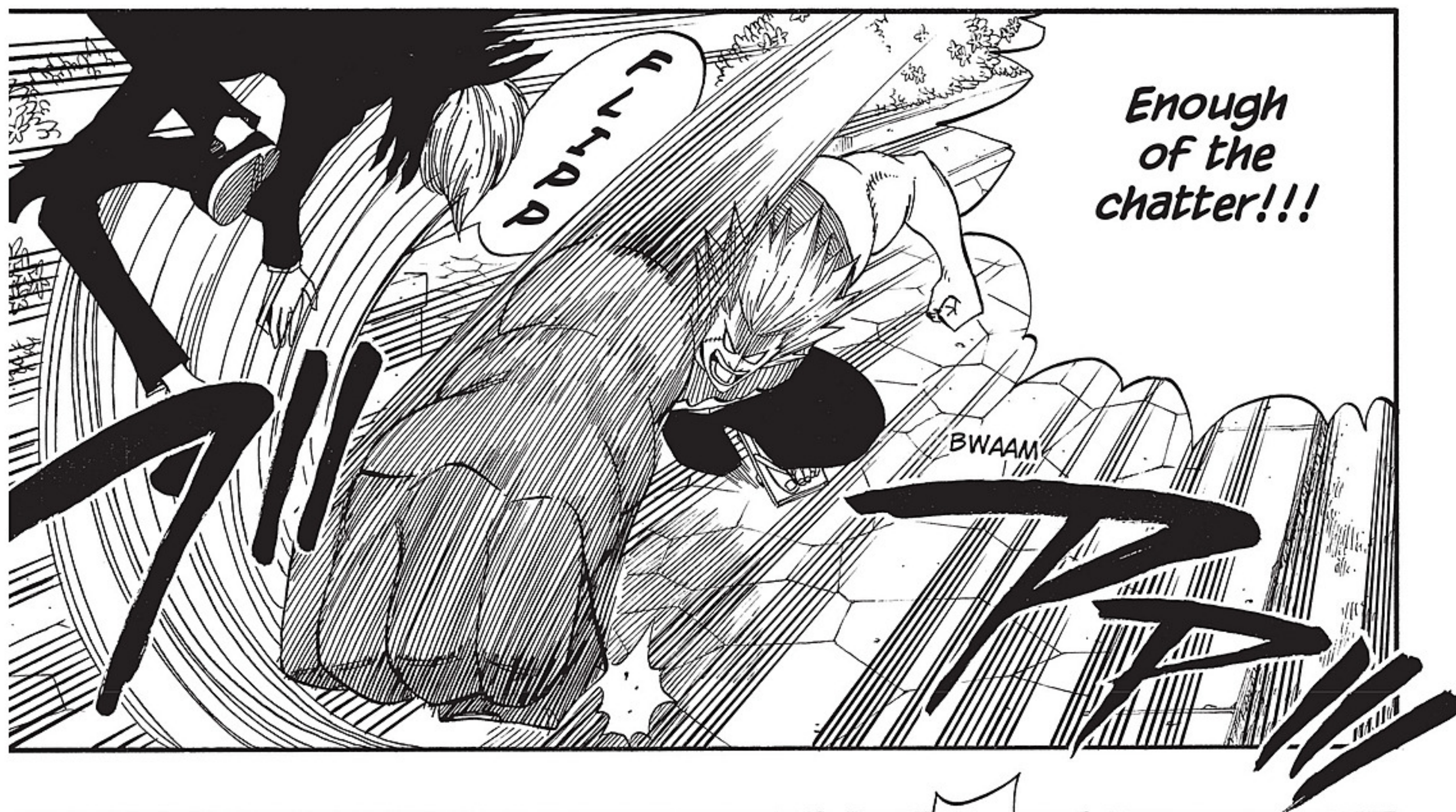
I know all about you... Or rather, data on all of the Fairy Tail wizards is inside my head.



Hm?!

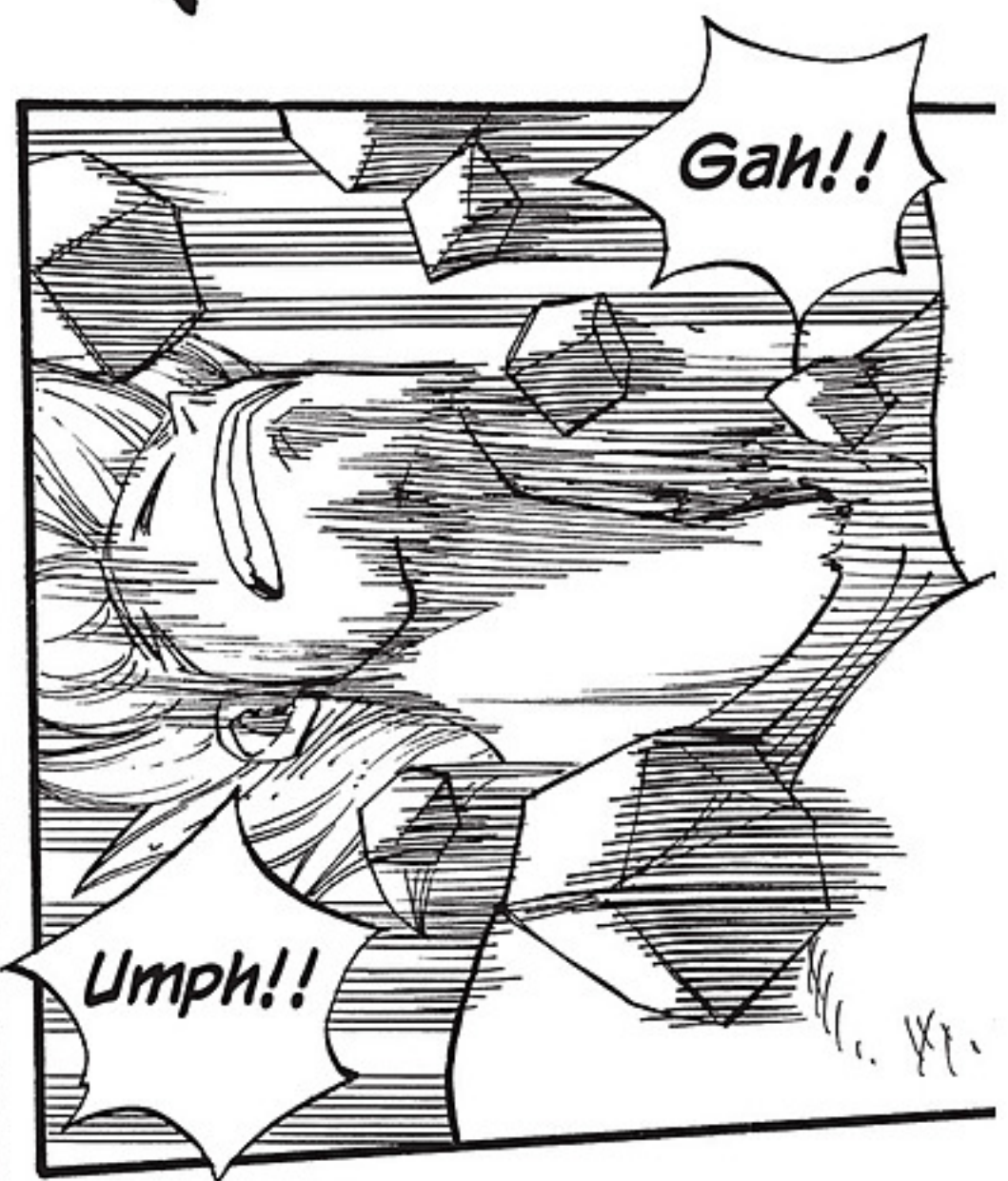
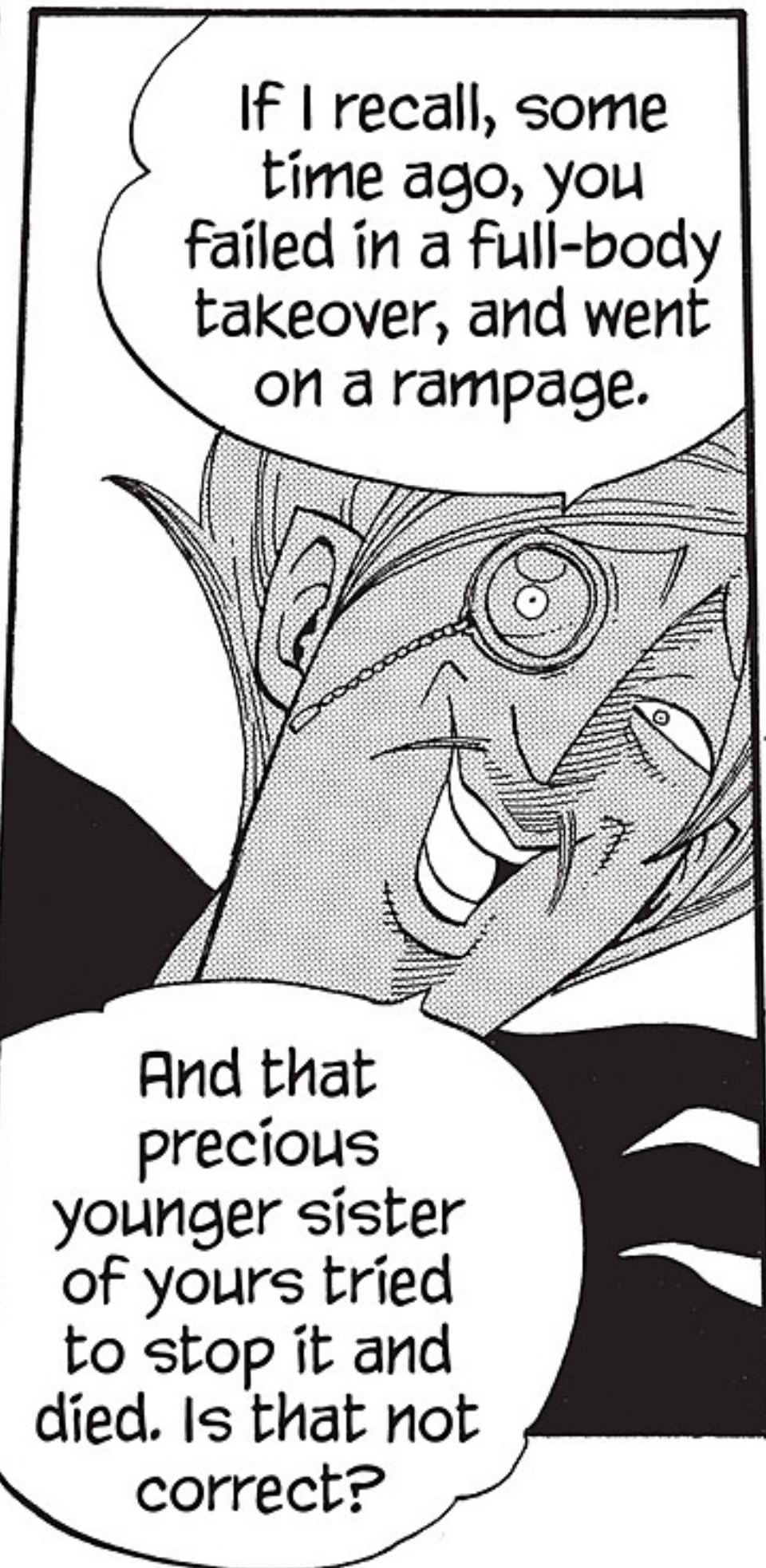
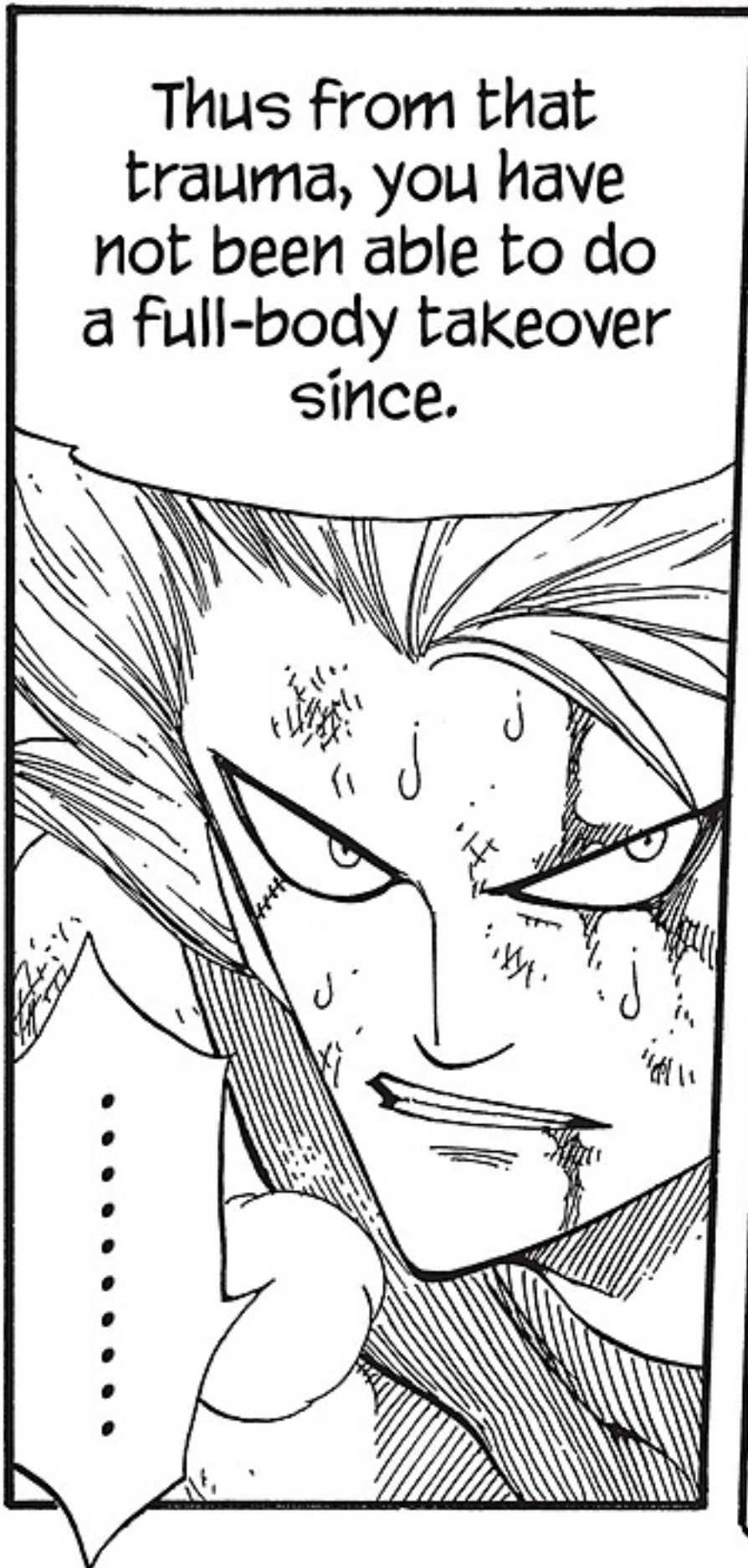
And I wonder if the rumor is true.

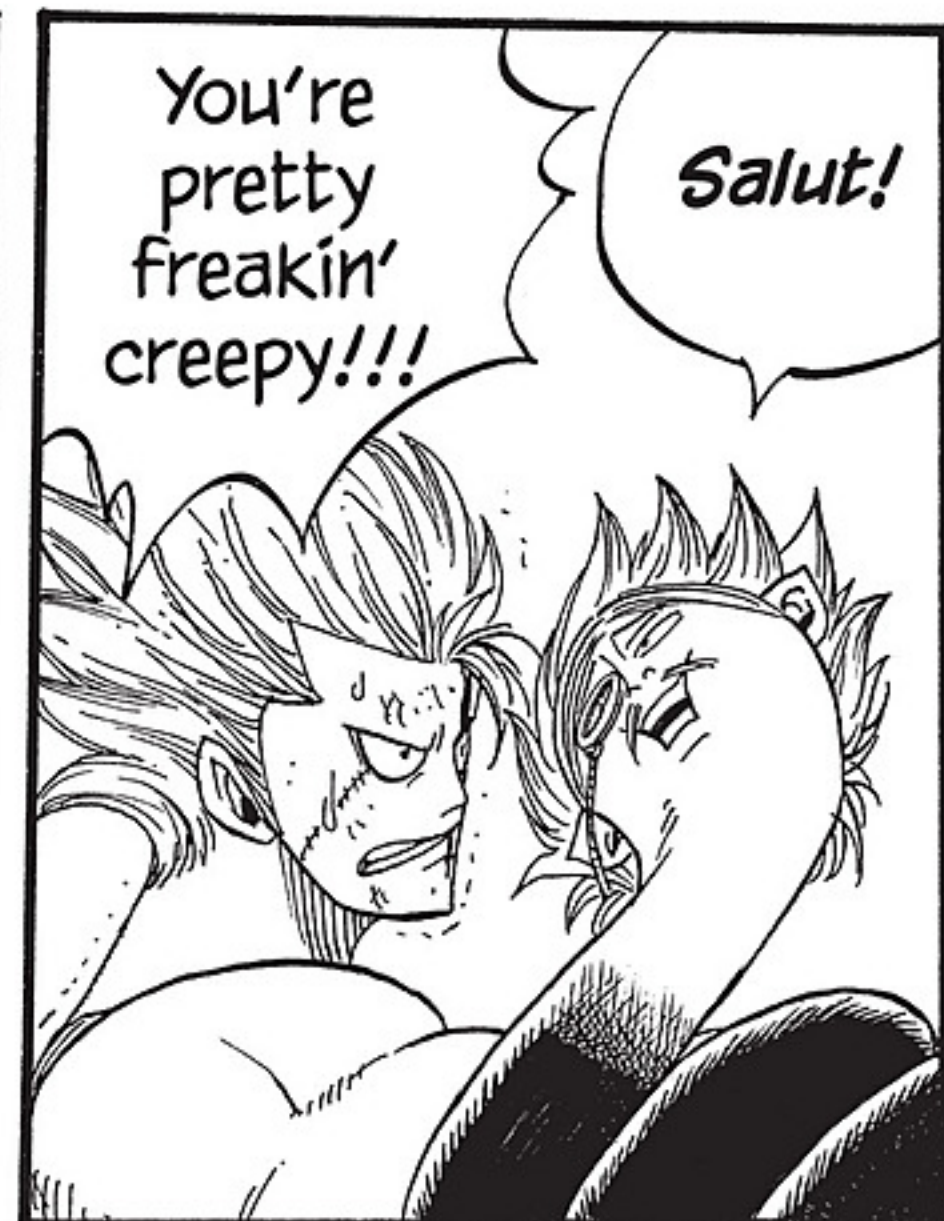
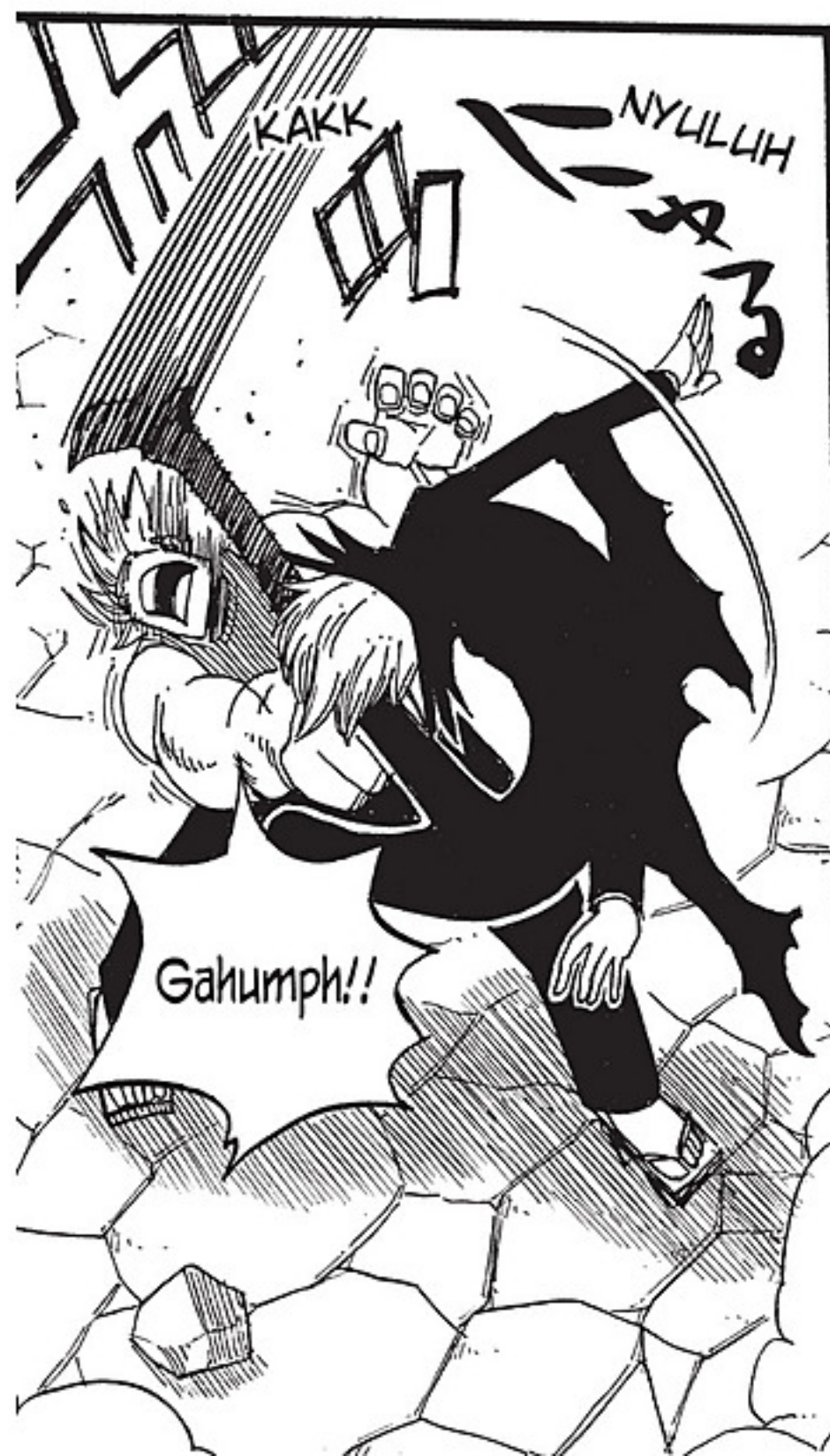
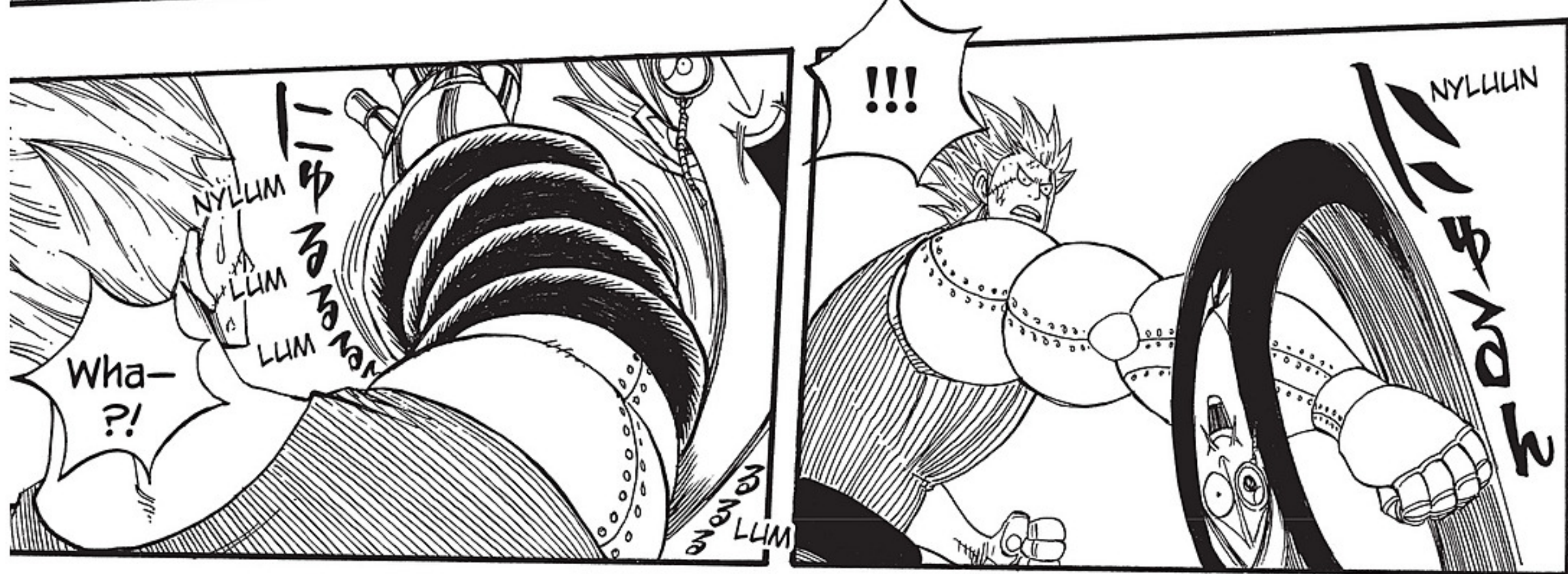
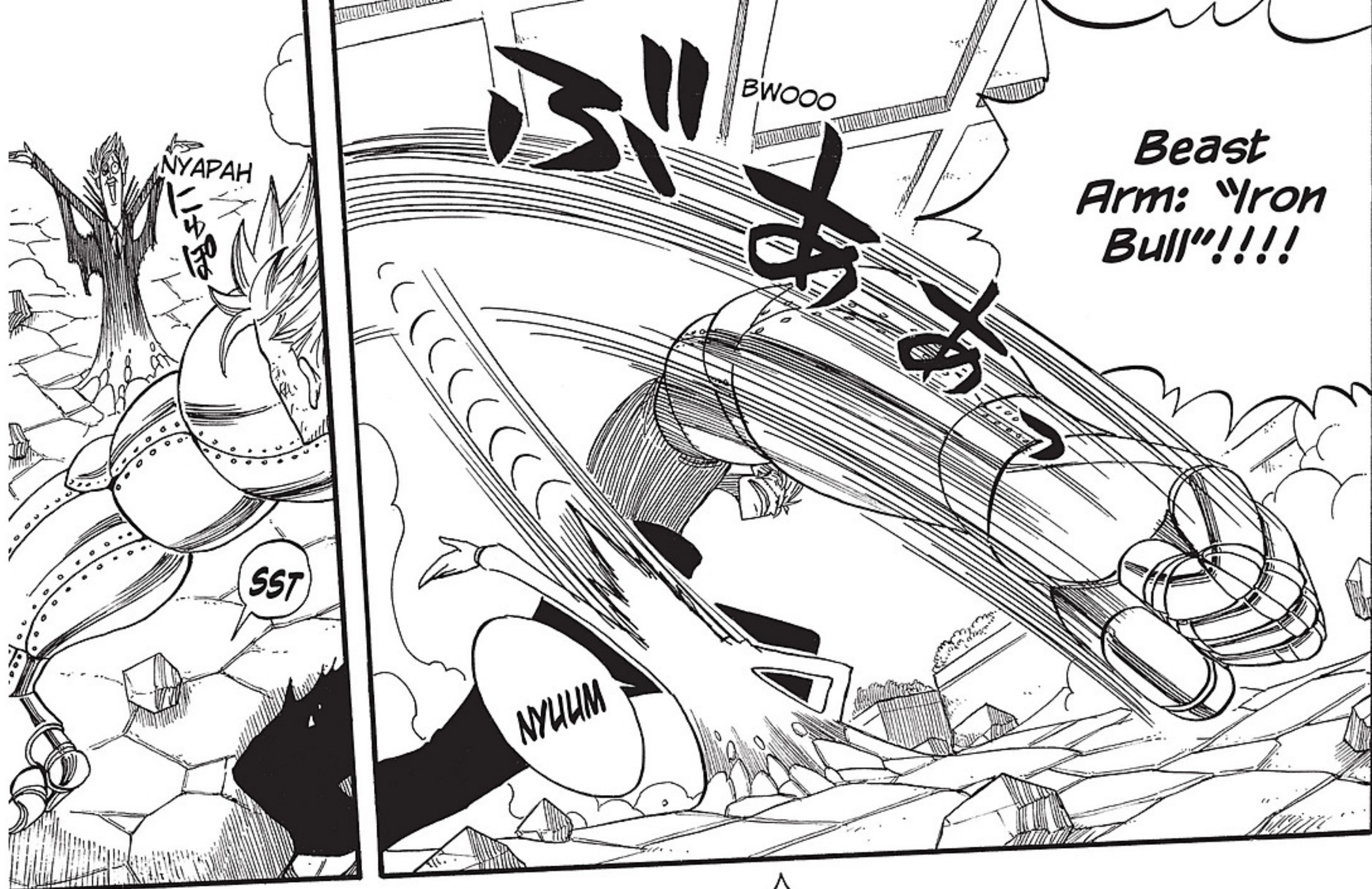
Oh, dear! Are you sure you only want to use one arm?

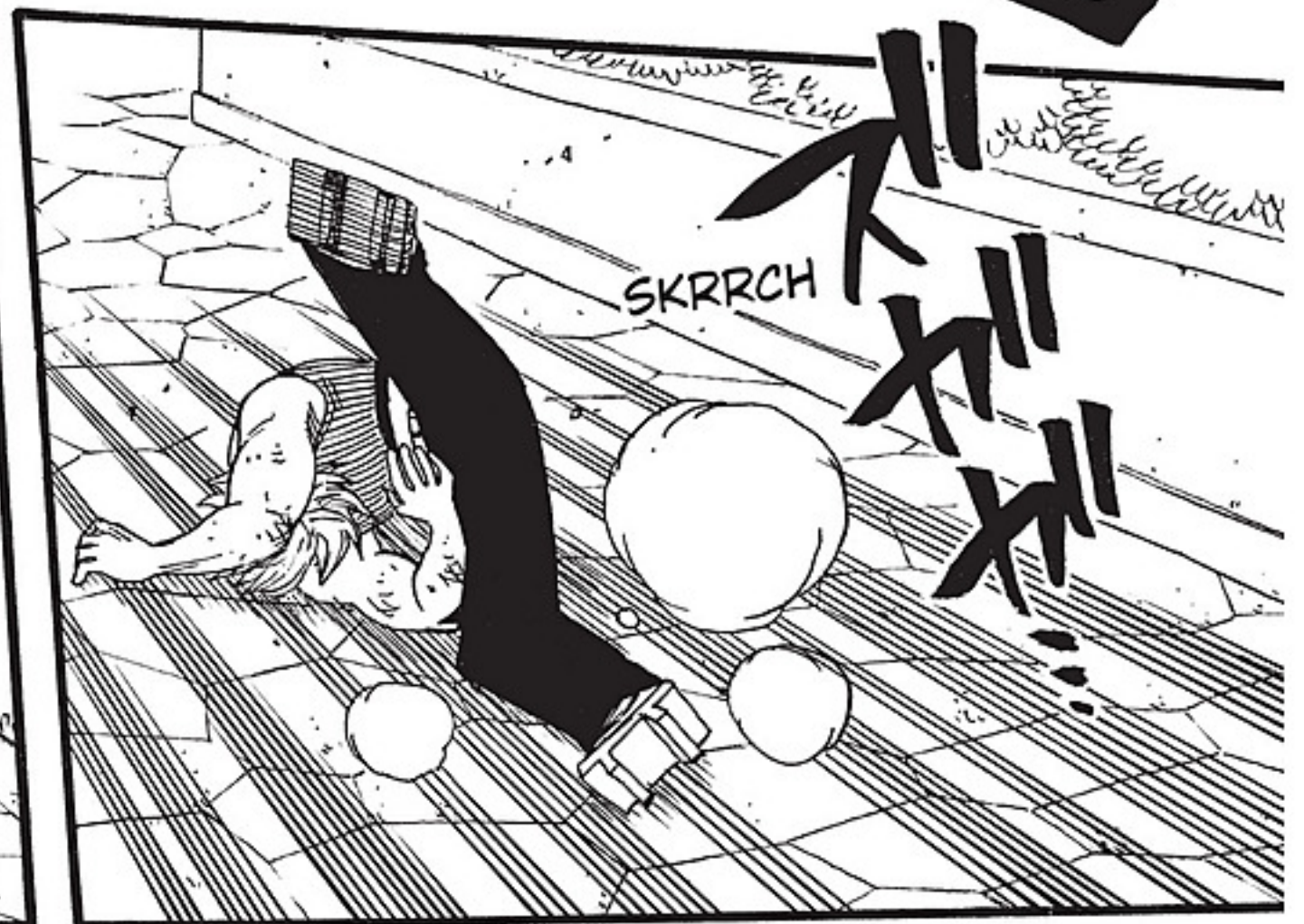
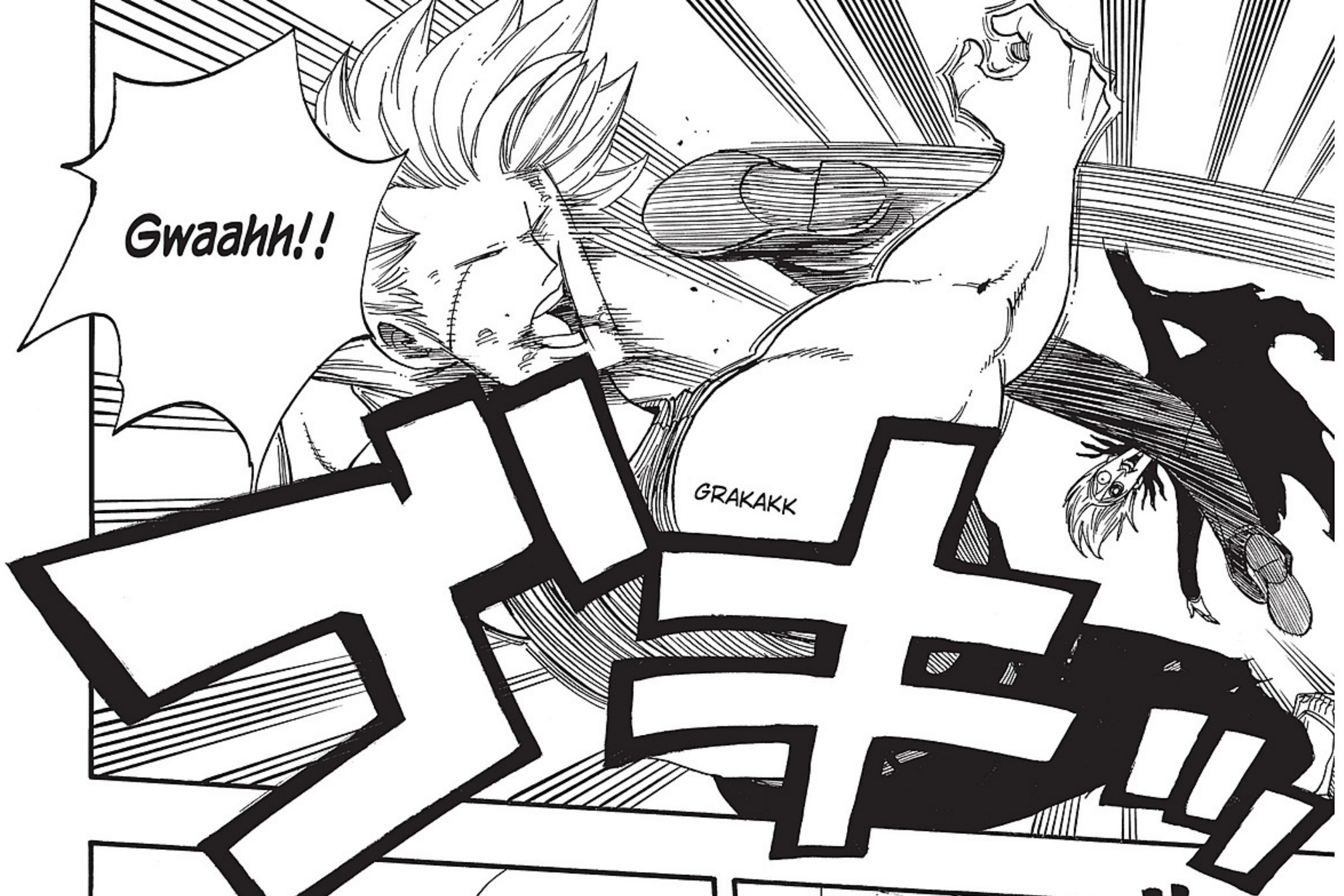


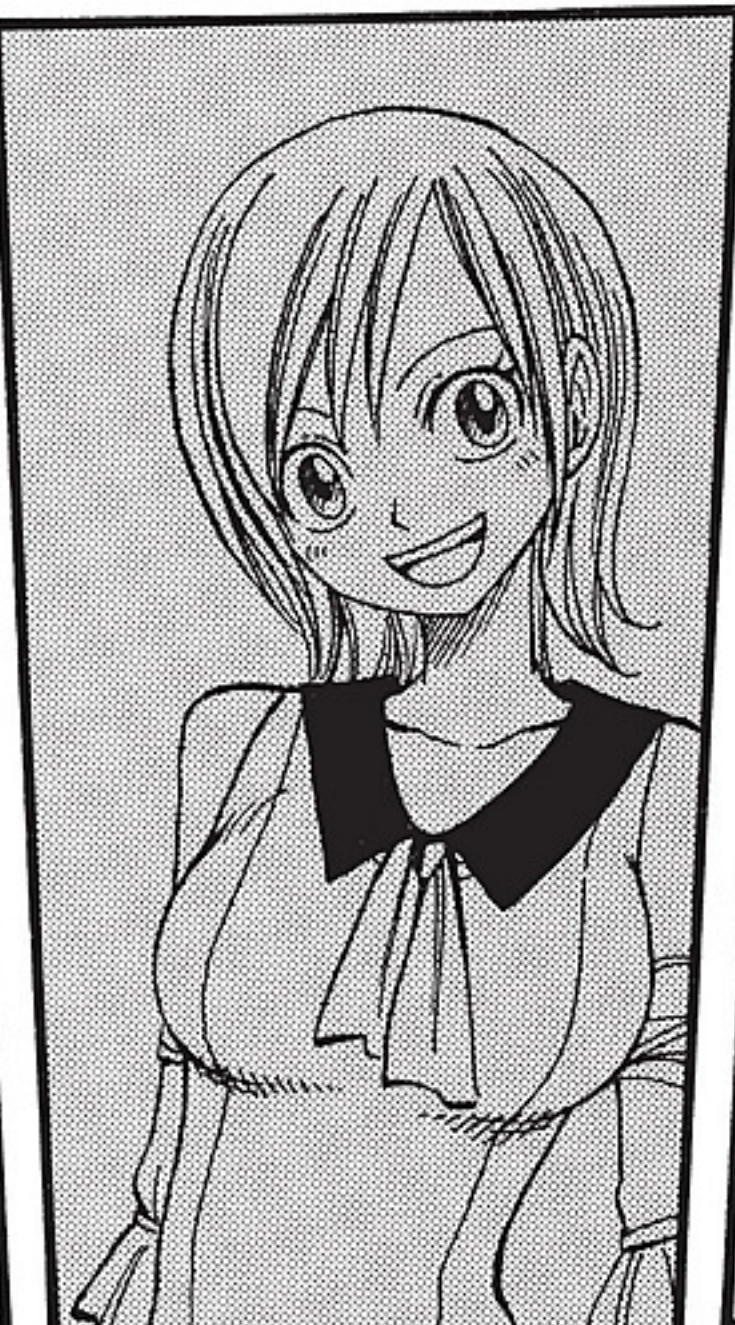
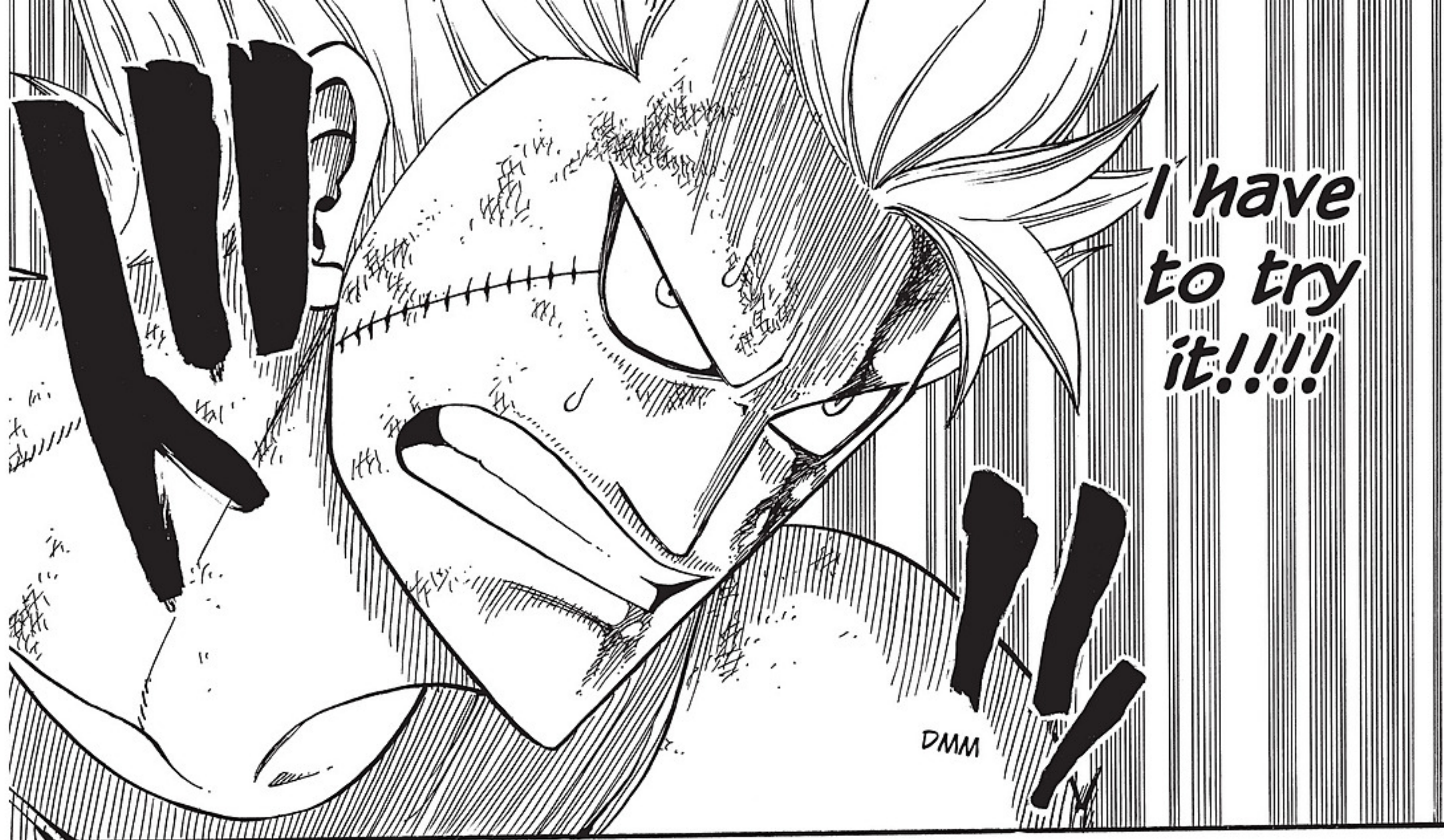
You had a... younger sister, did you not?

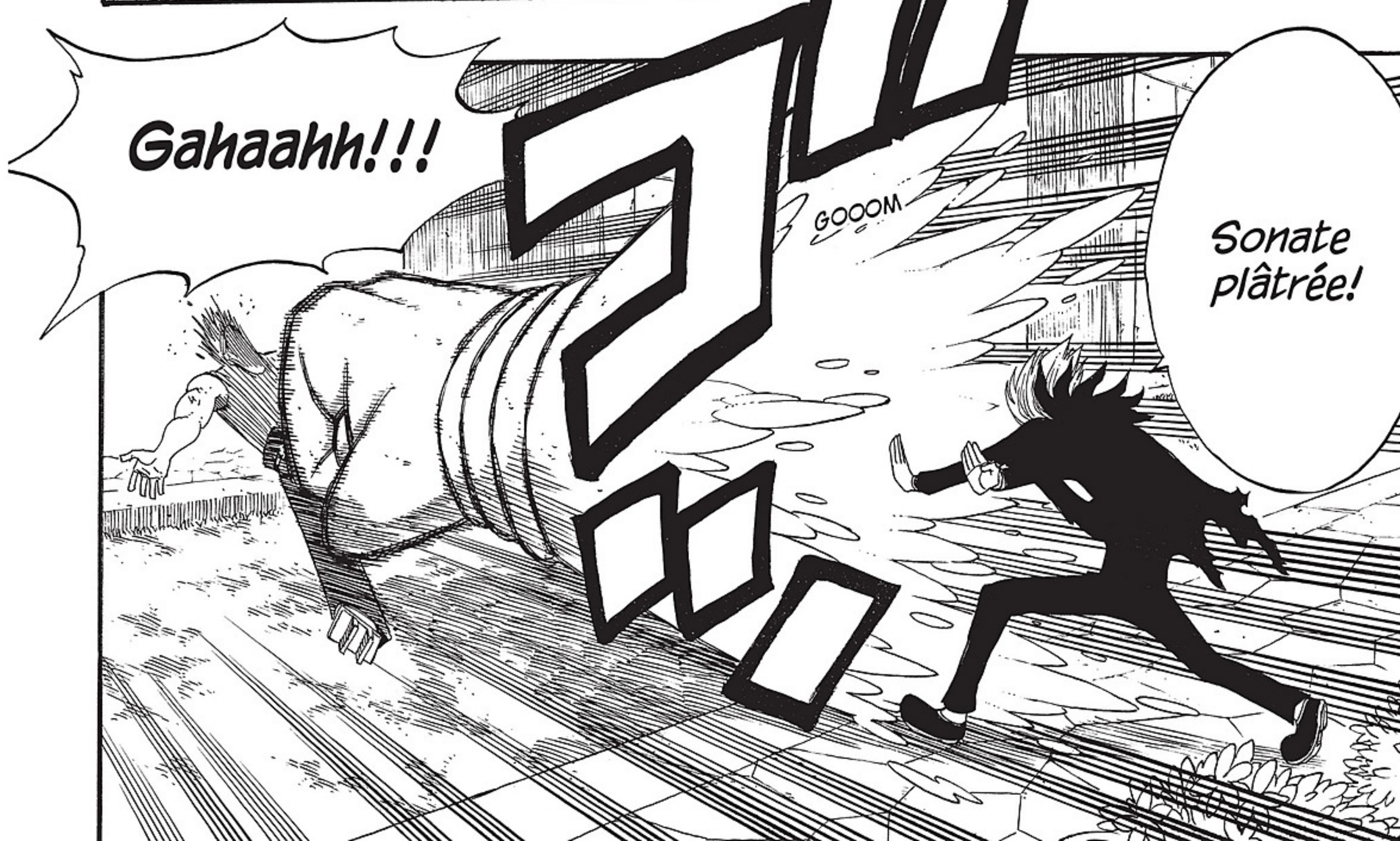
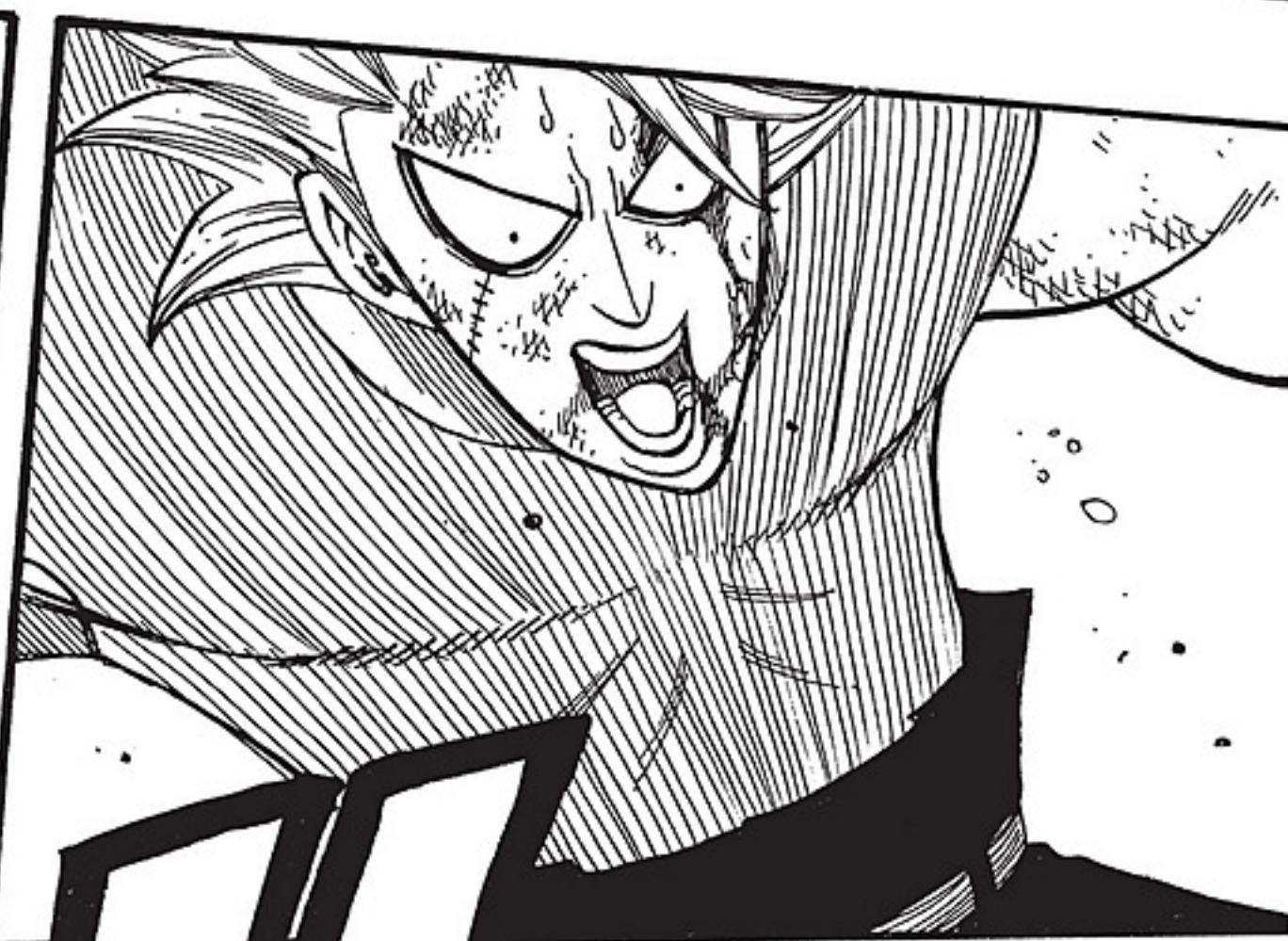
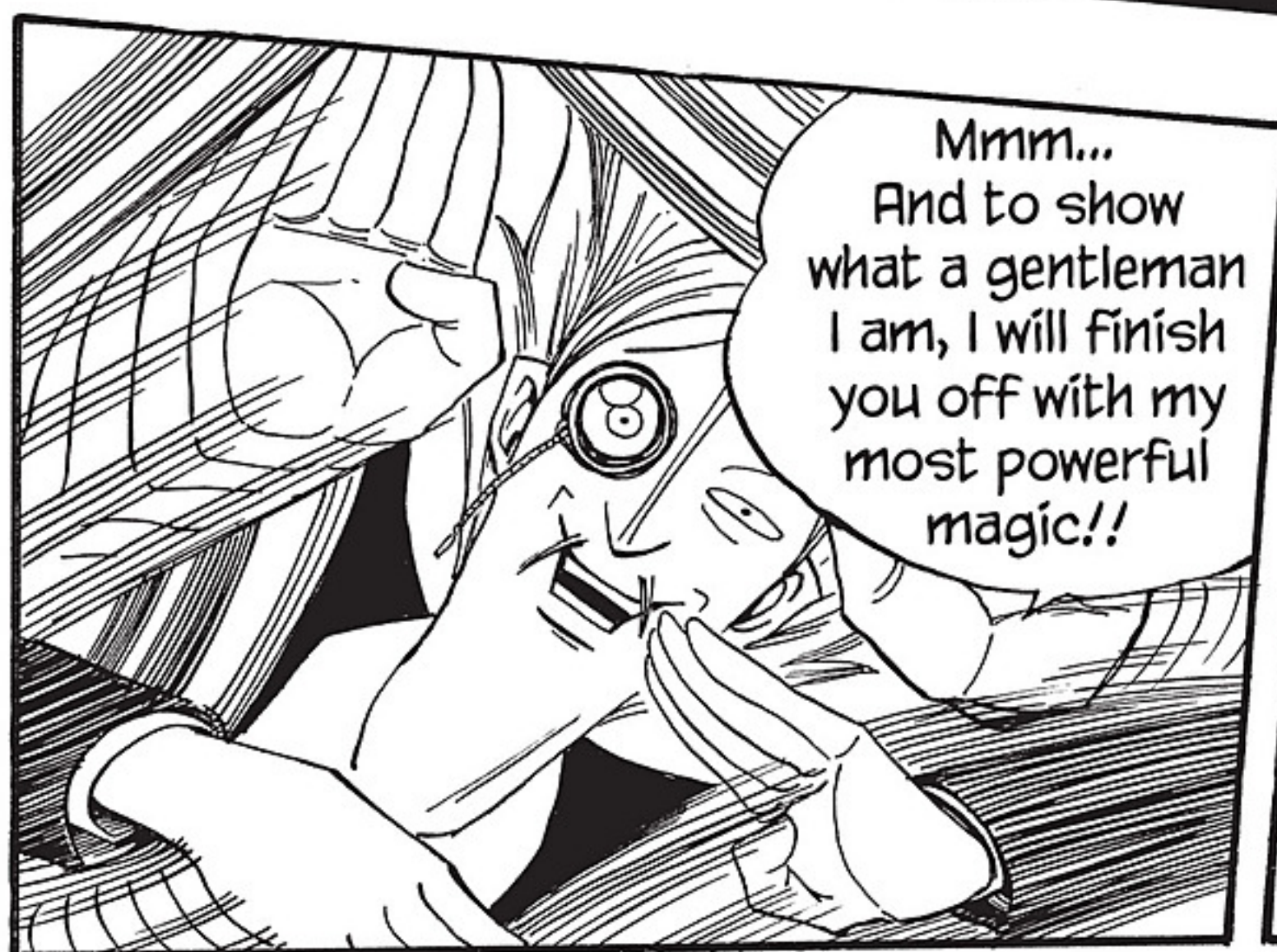
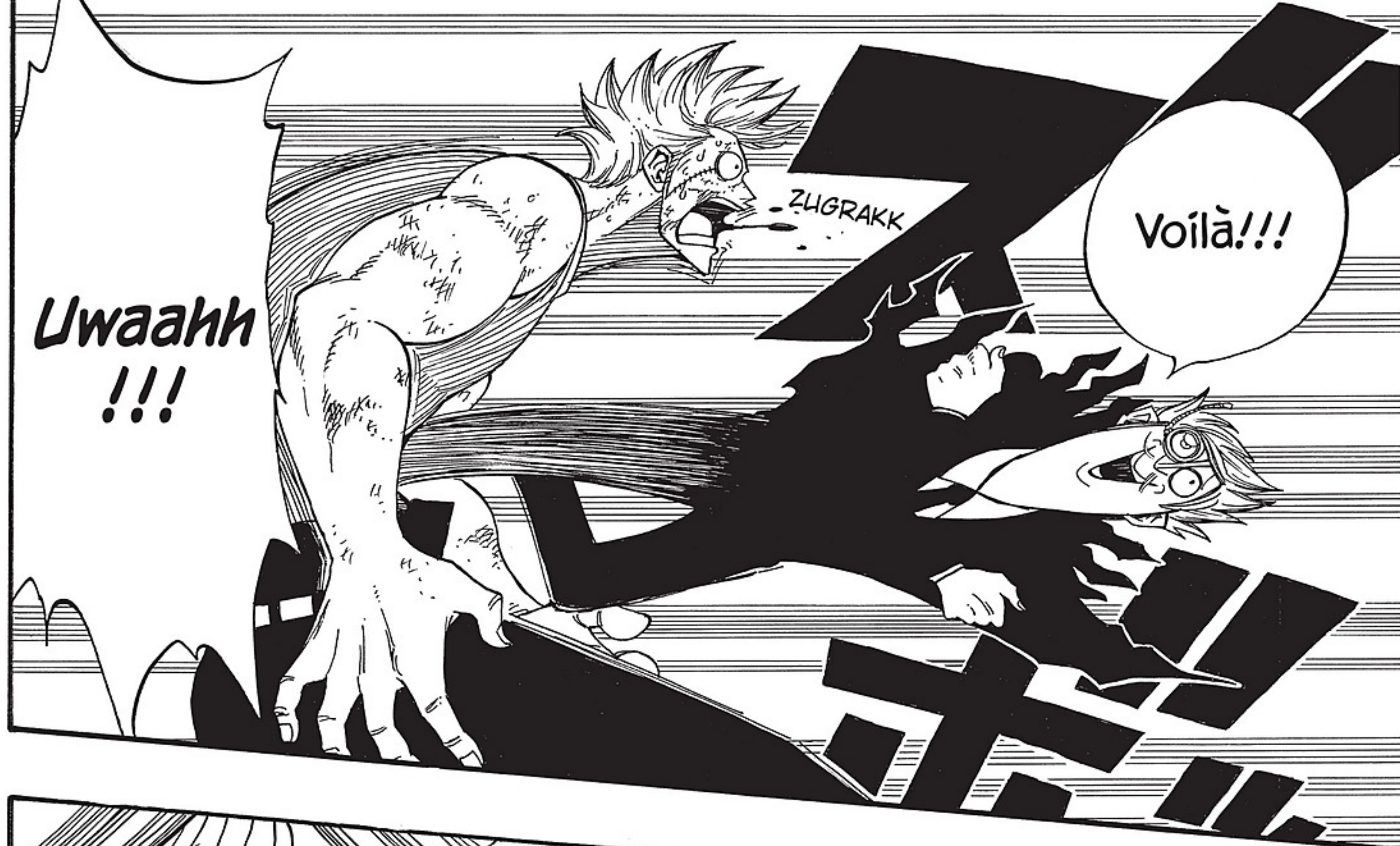


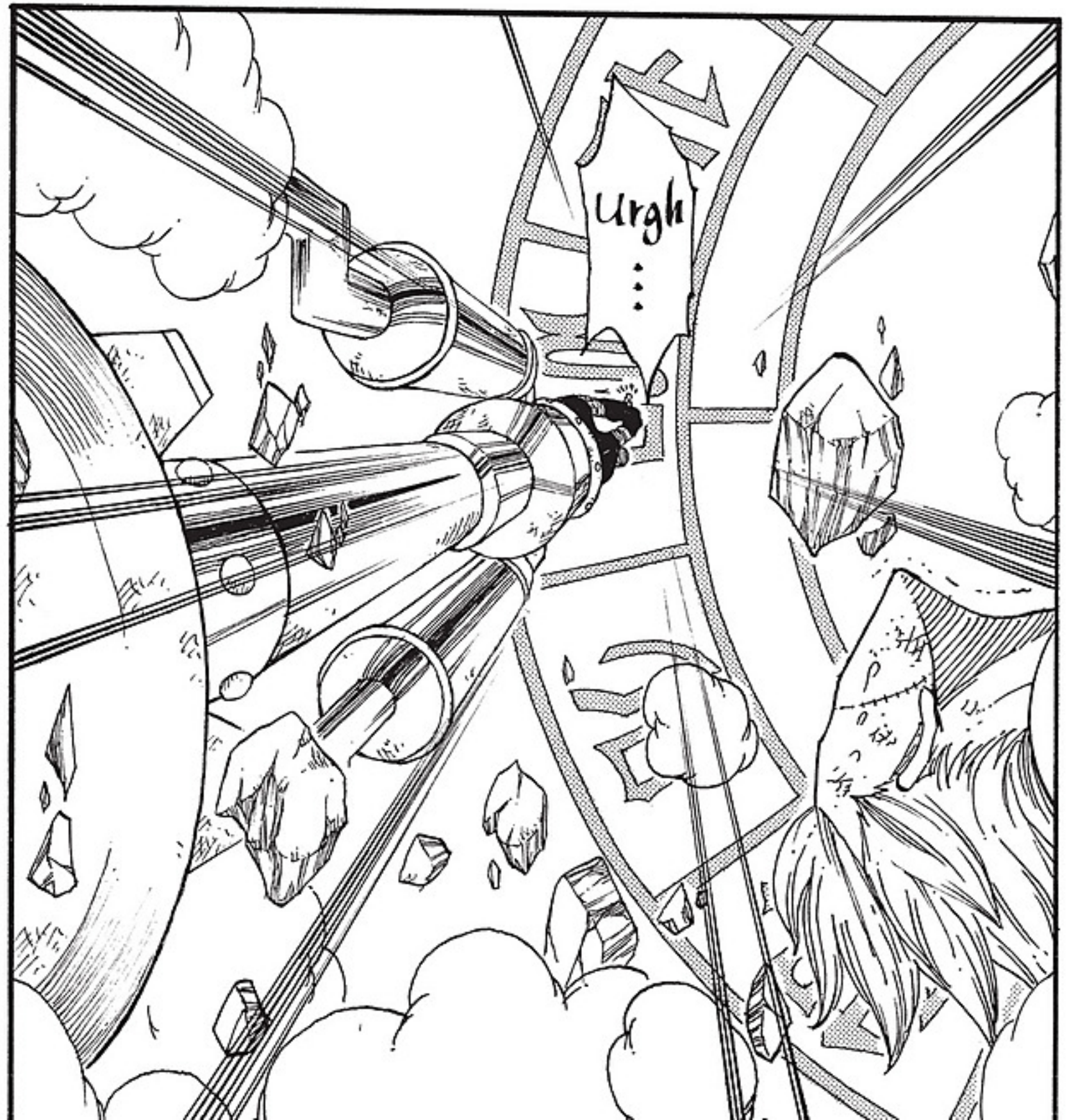
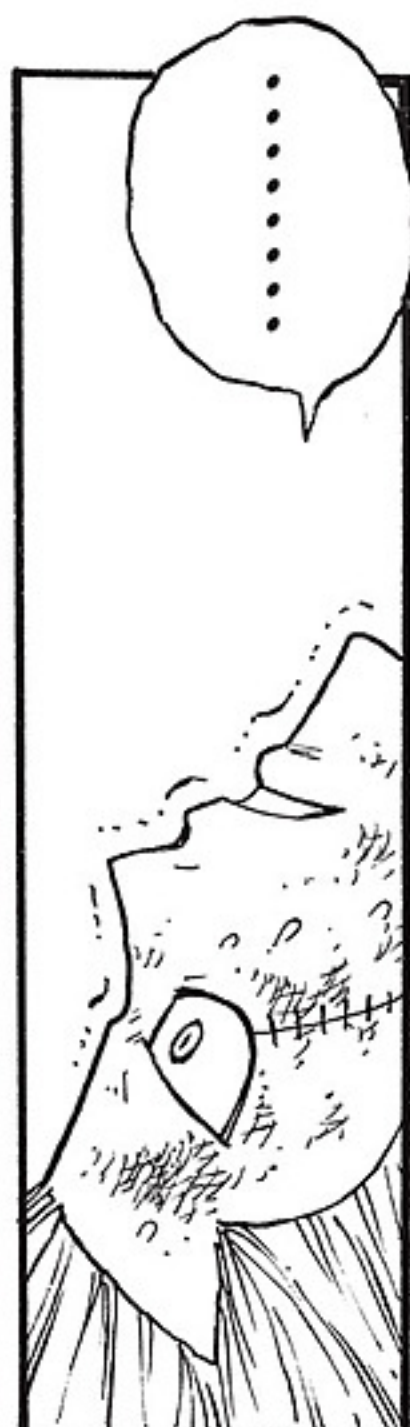
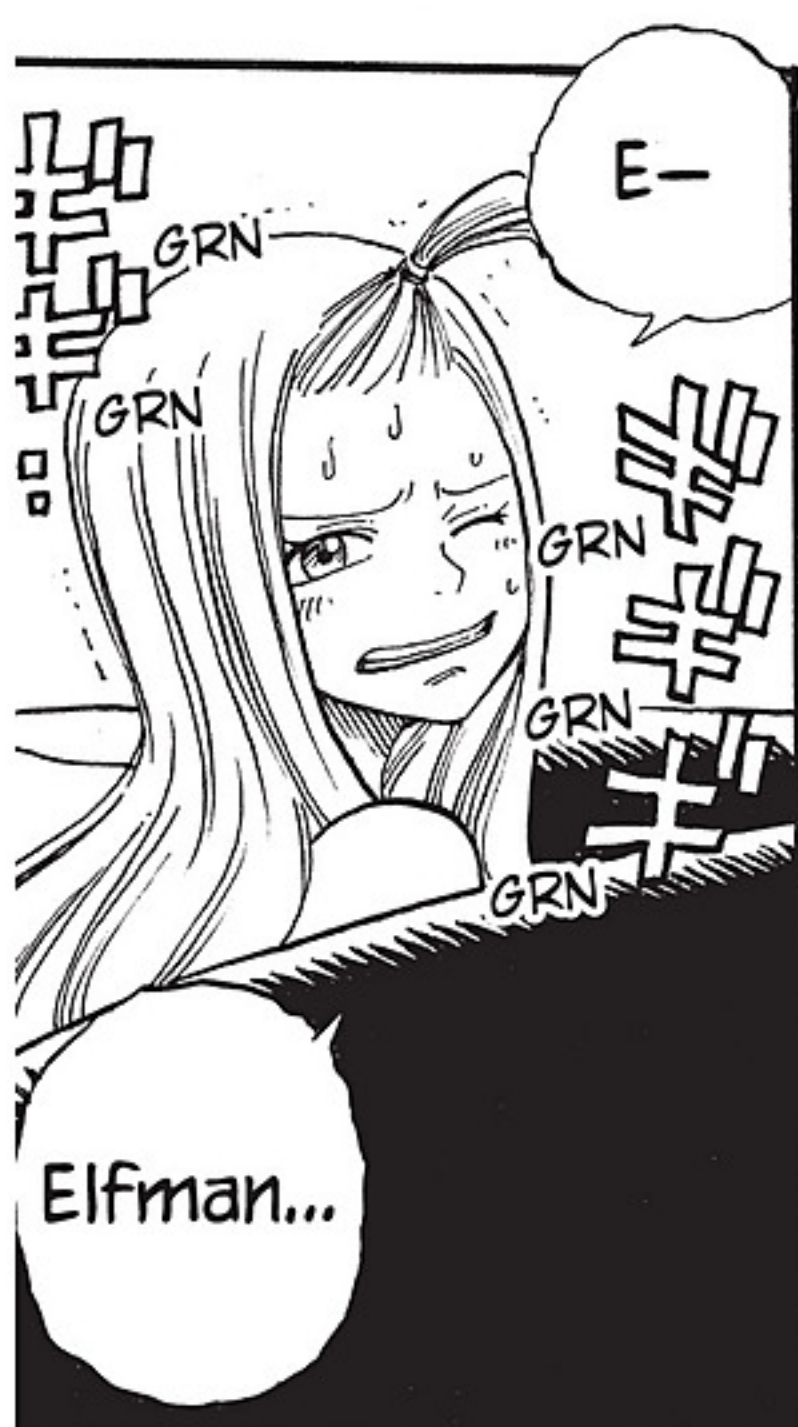
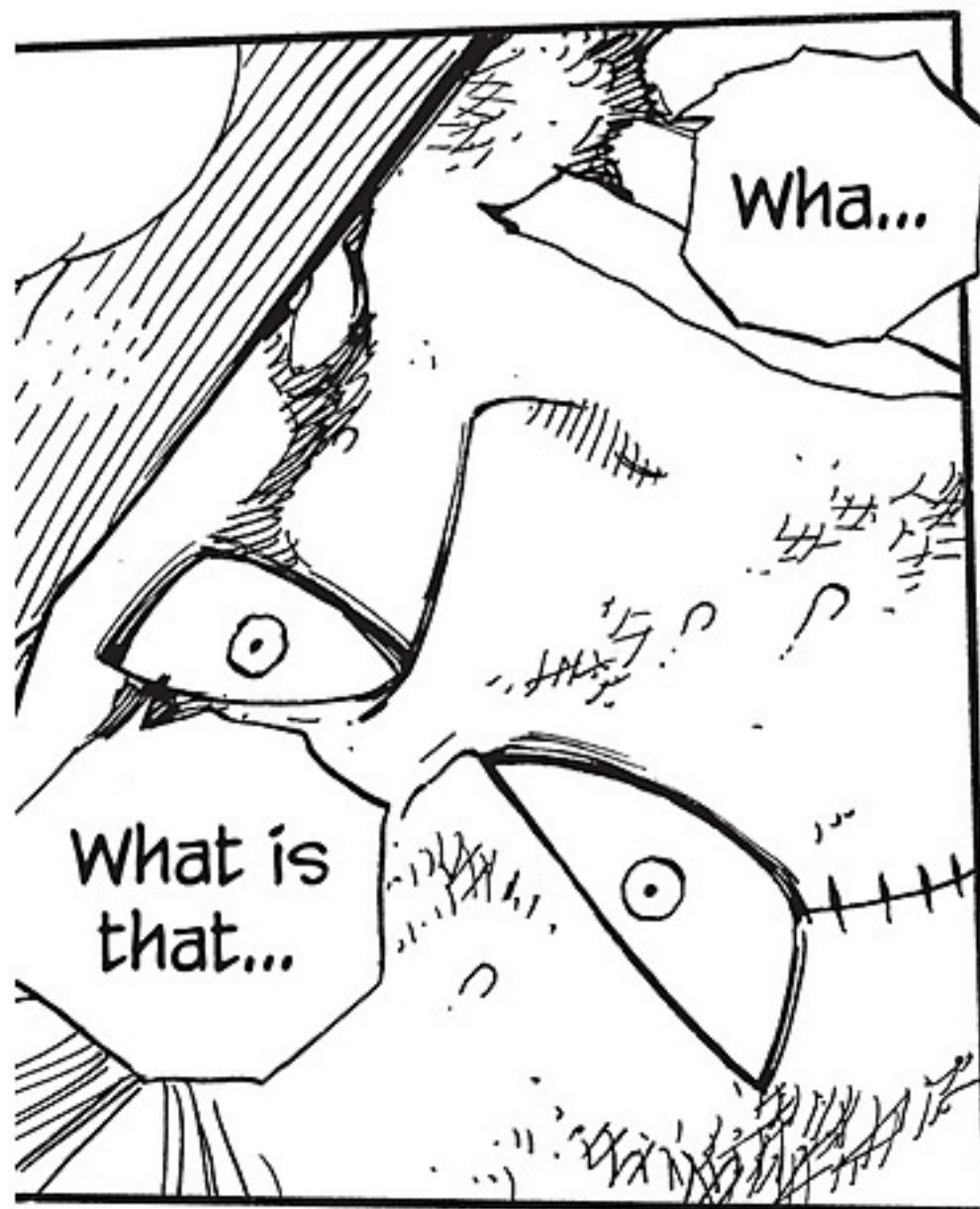
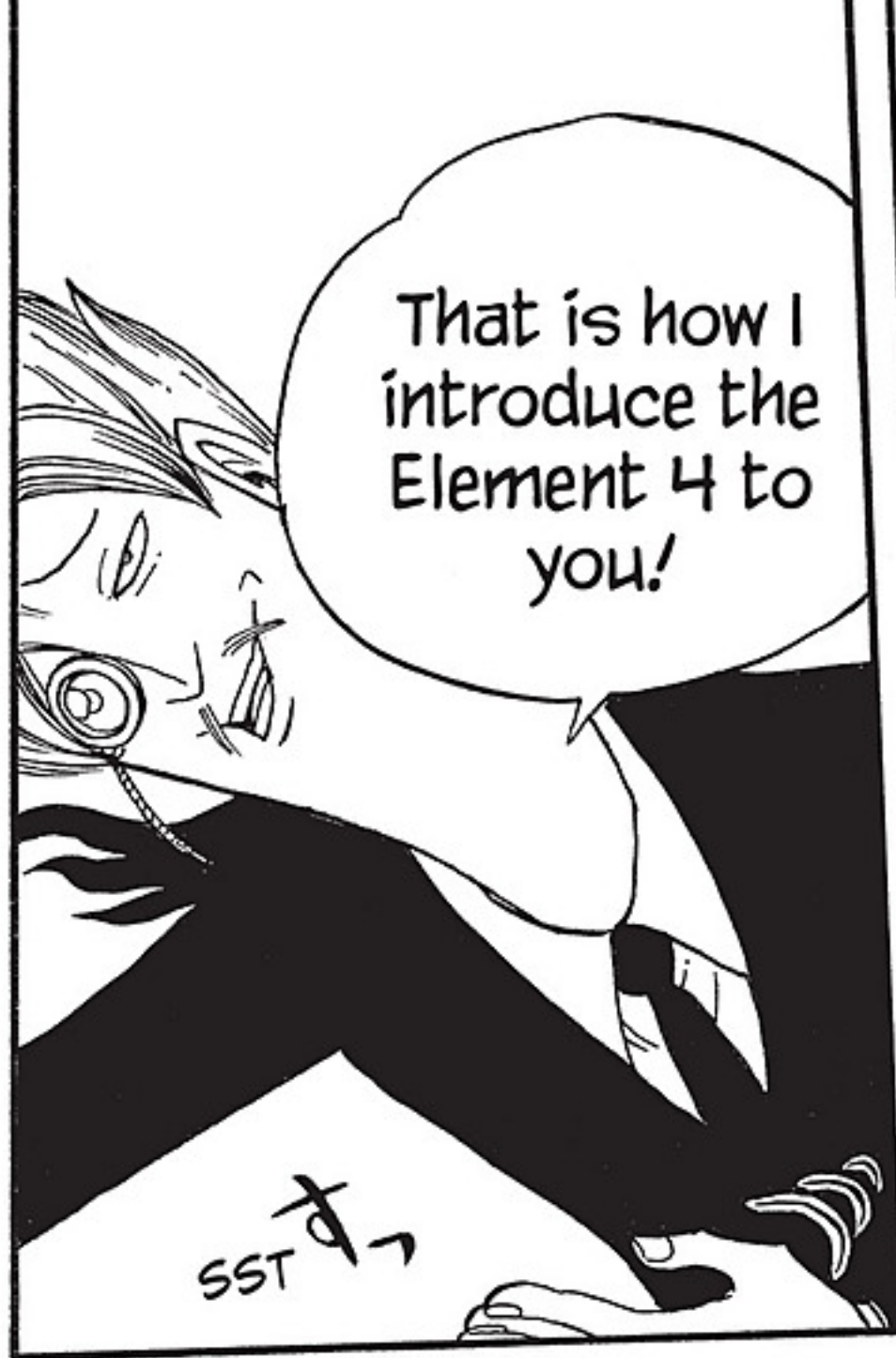


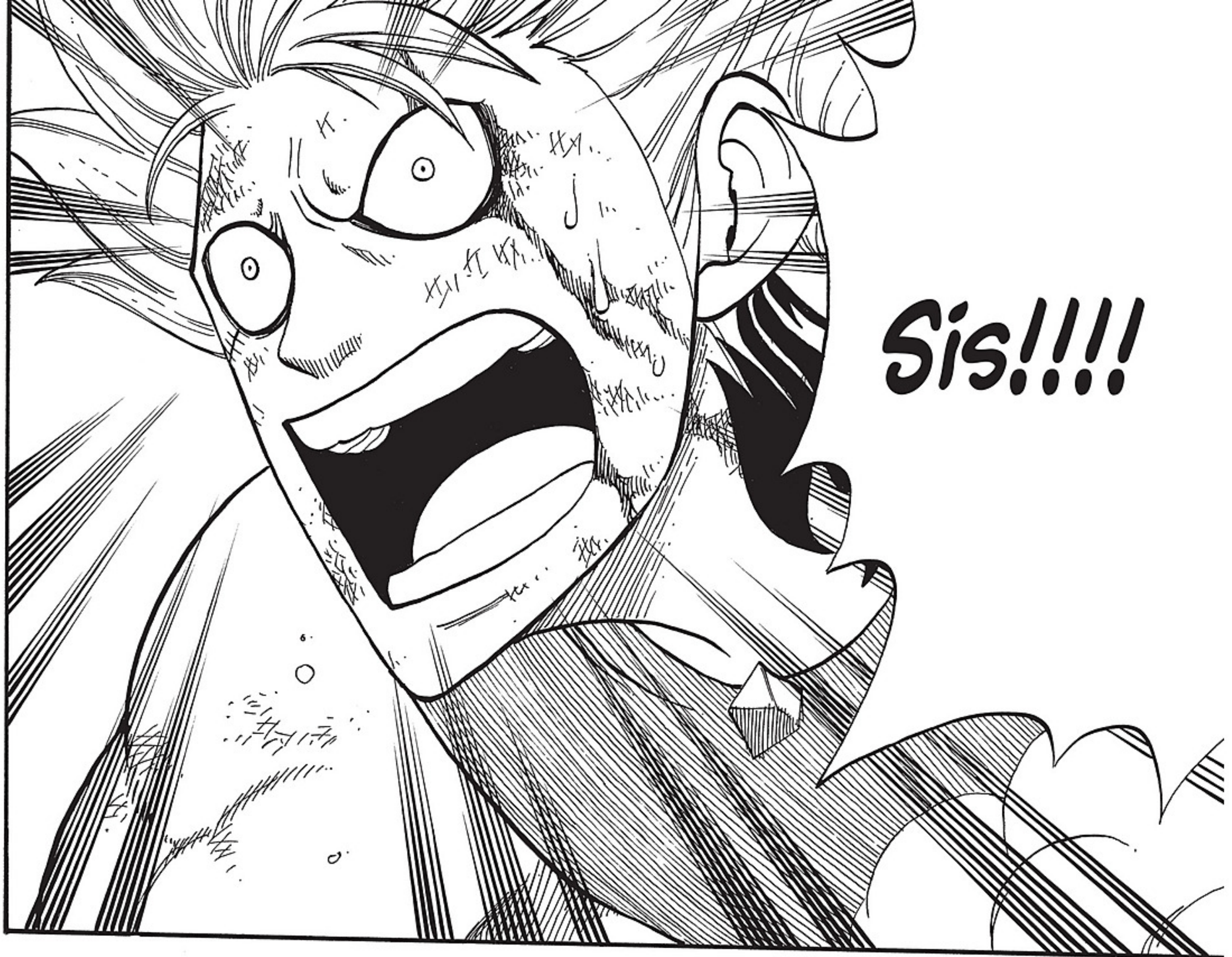




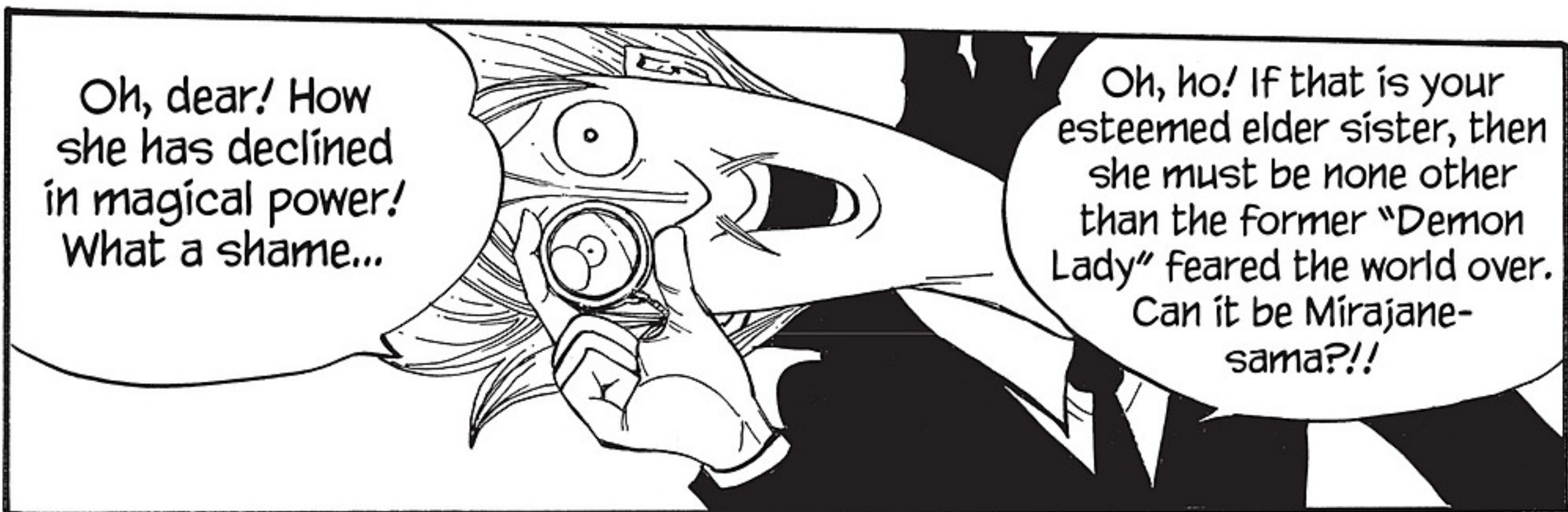






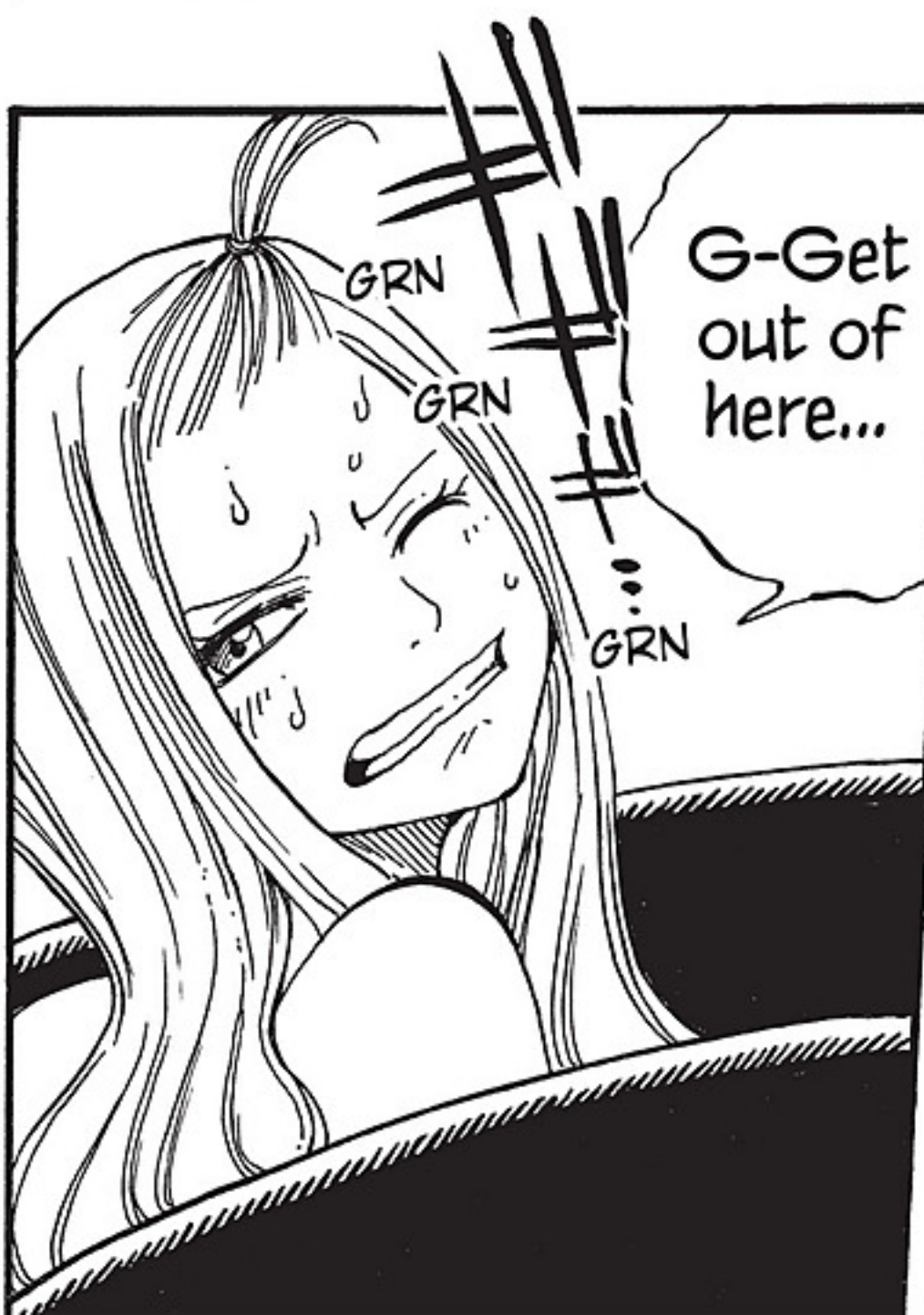


Sis!!!!

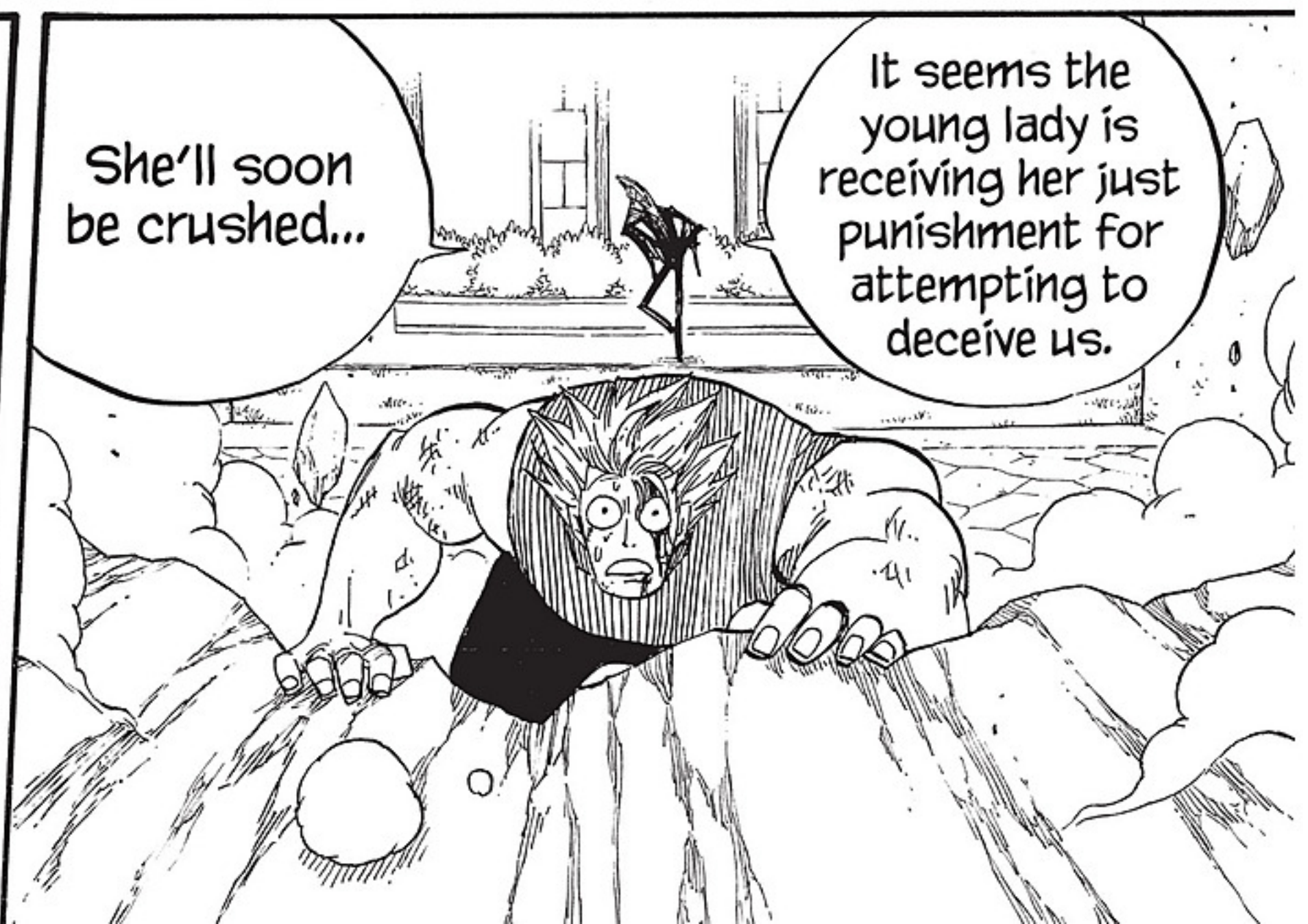


Oh, dear! How she has declined in magical power! What a shame...

Oh, ho! If that is your esteemed elder sister, then she must be none other than the former "Demon Lady" feared the world over. Can it be Mirajane-sama?!!



G-Get out of here...



She'll soon be crushed...

It seems the young lady is receiving her just punishment for attempting to deceive us.



Stop it!!!
I don't care
what you do to
me, but leave
Elfman...



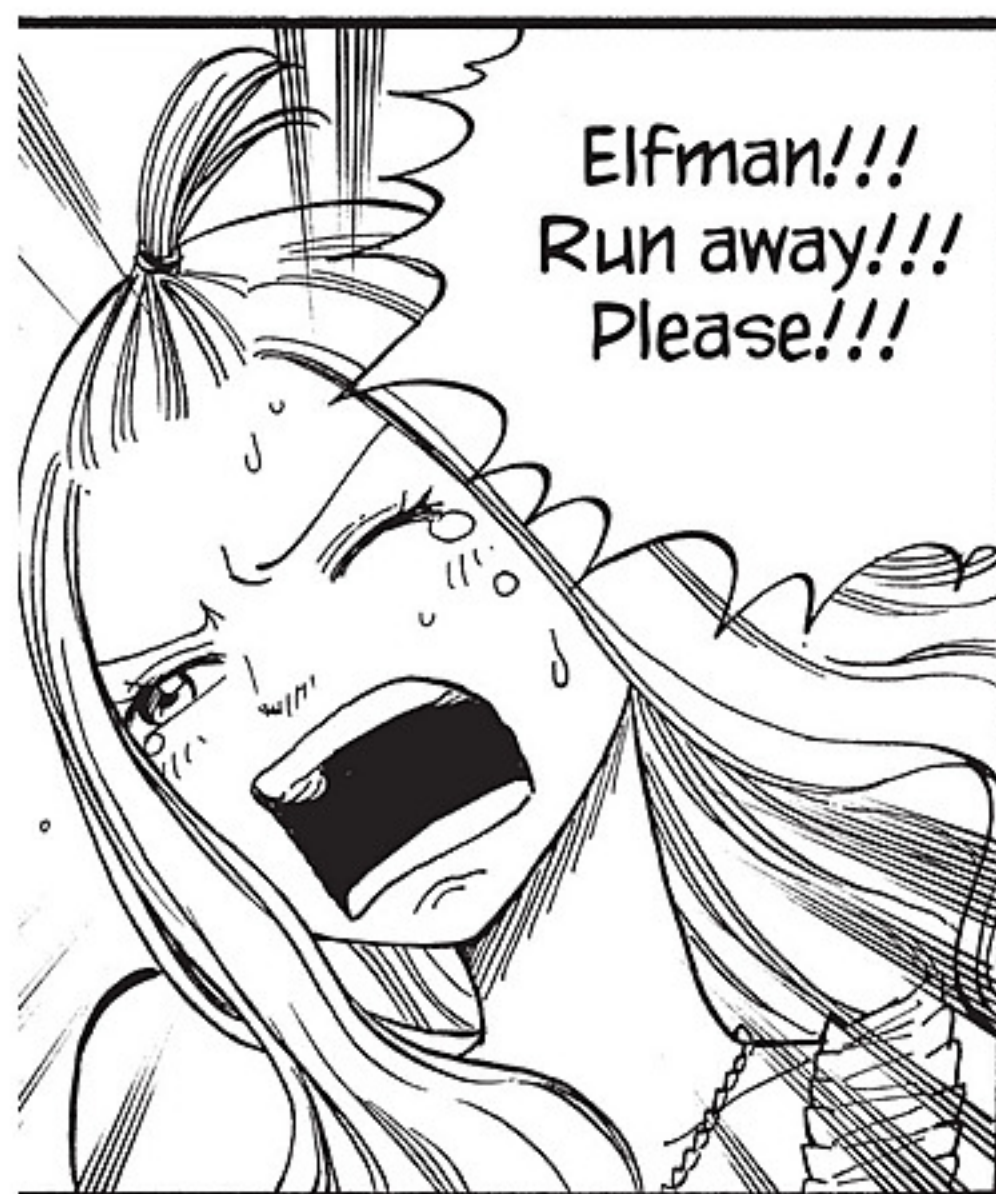
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G u w a a h
!!!

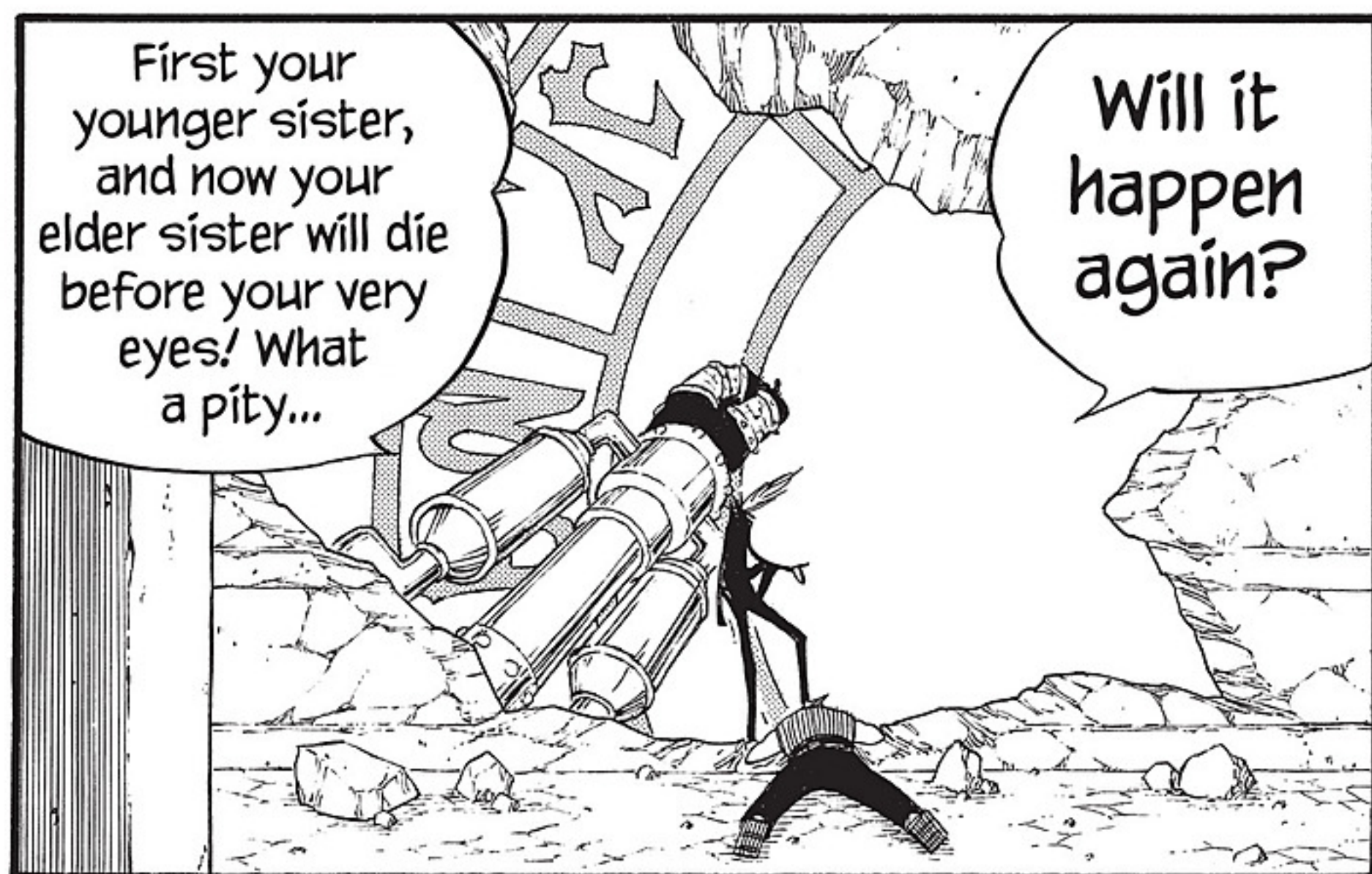


What
are you
doing?!!
Let go
of my
sister!!!

Sis!!



Elfman!!!
Run away!!!
Please!!!



First your
younger sister,
and now your
elder sister will die
before your very
eyes! What
a pity...

Will it
happen
again?

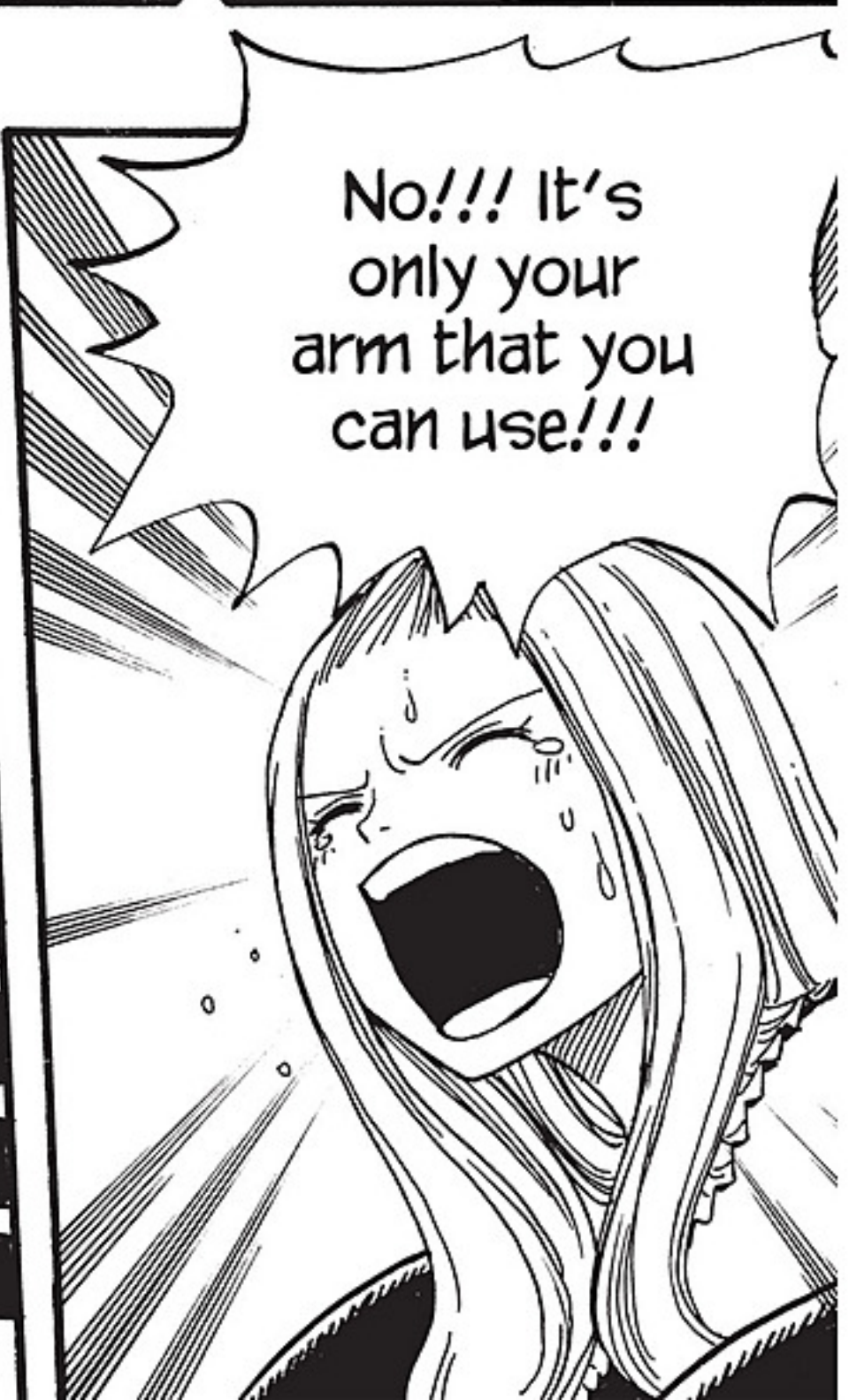
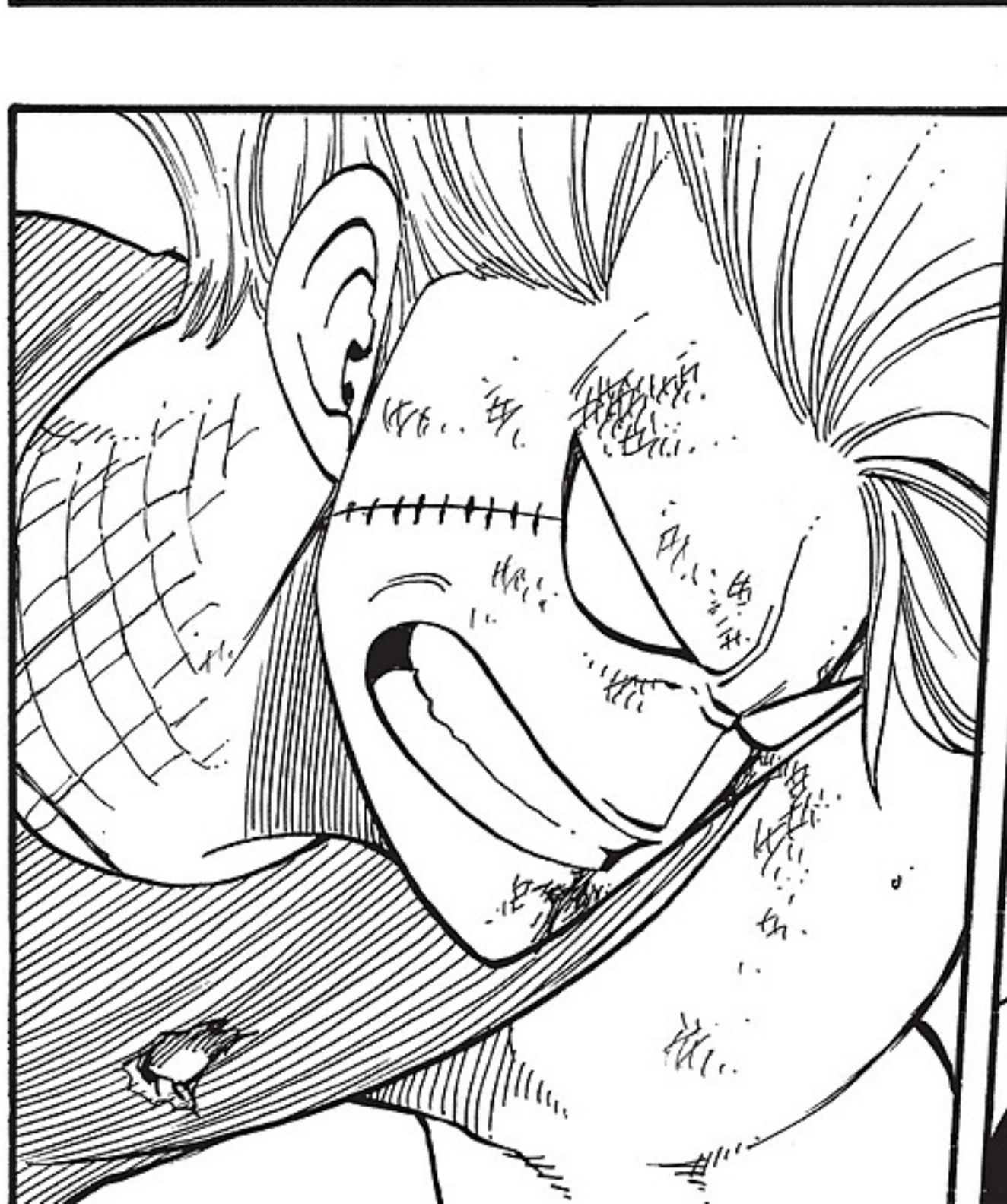
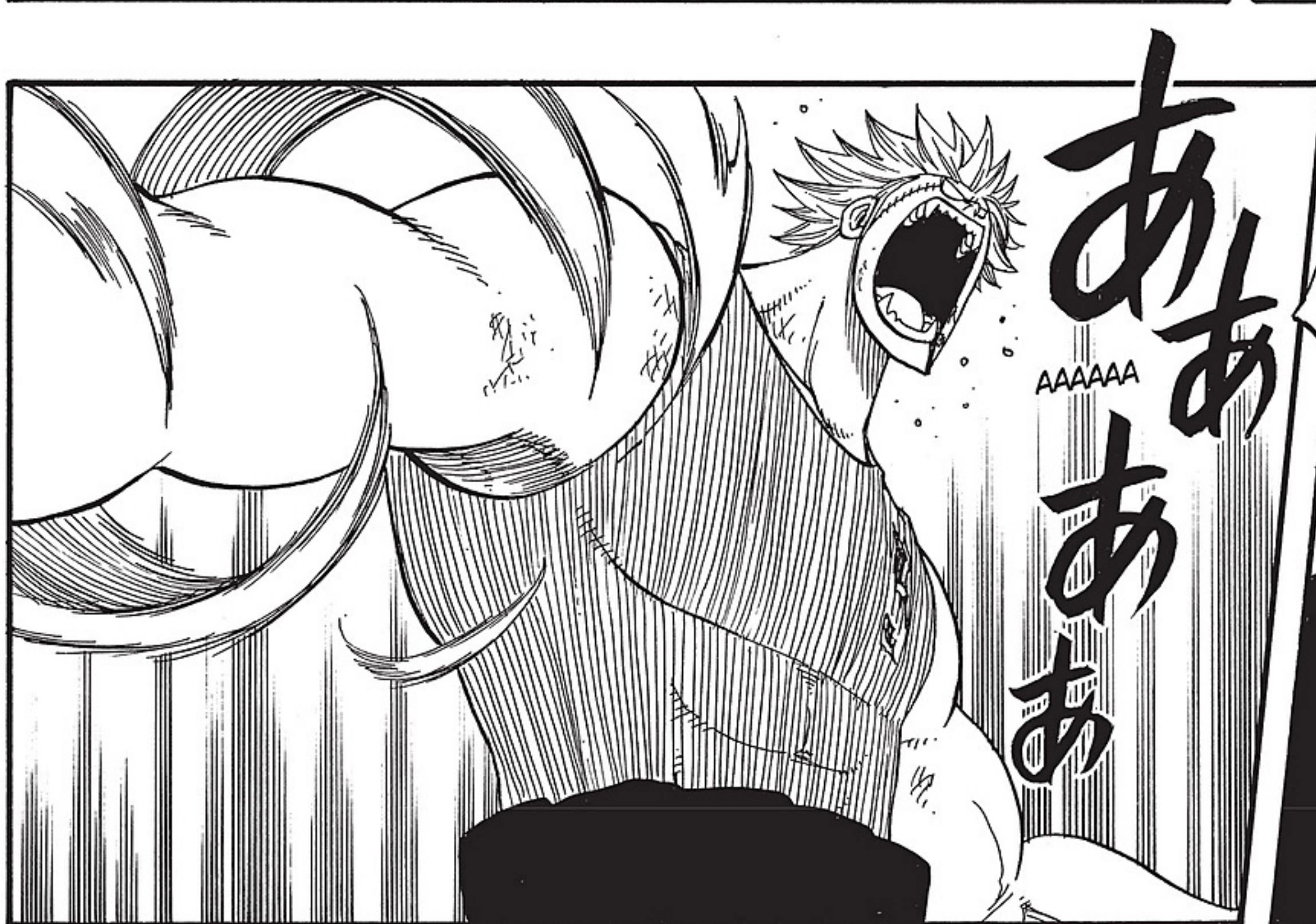
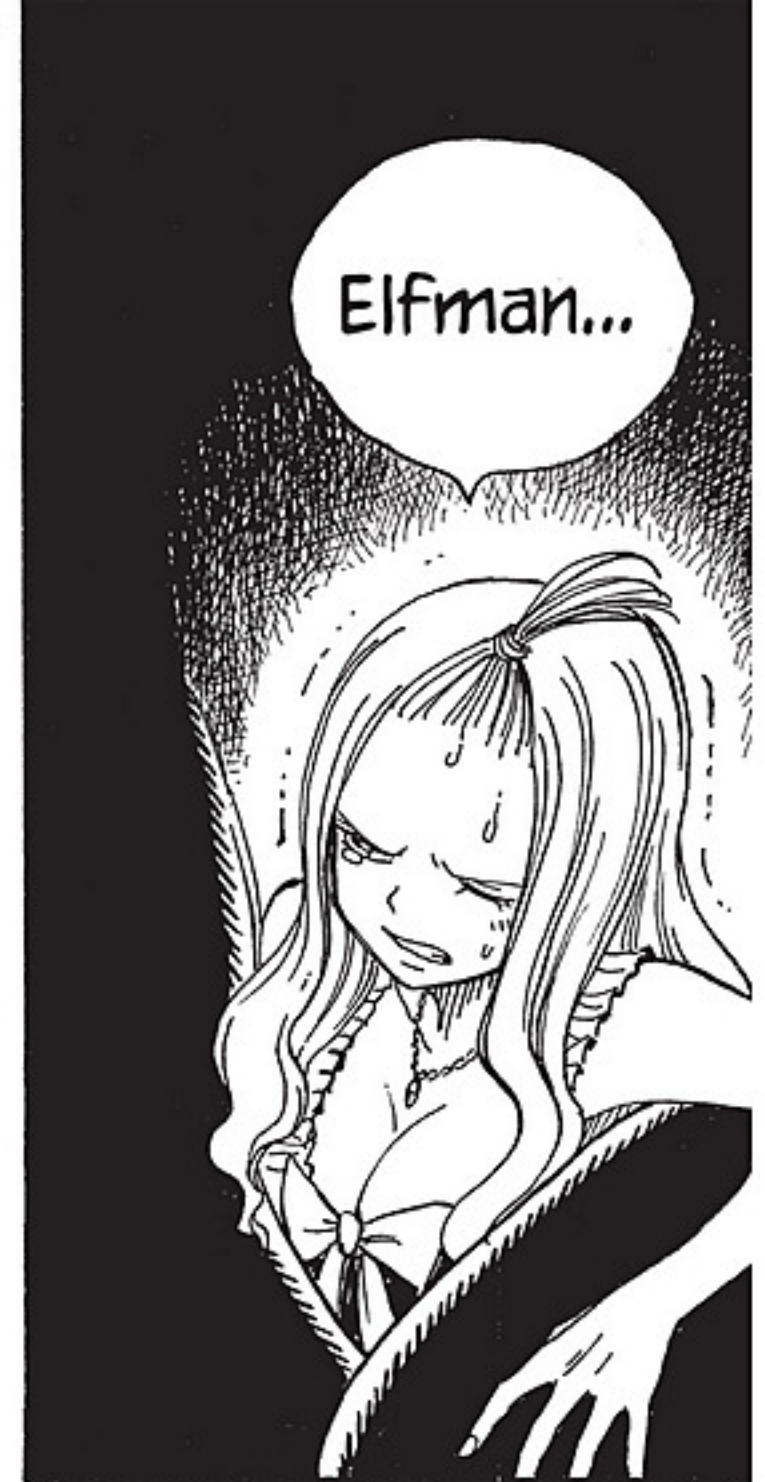


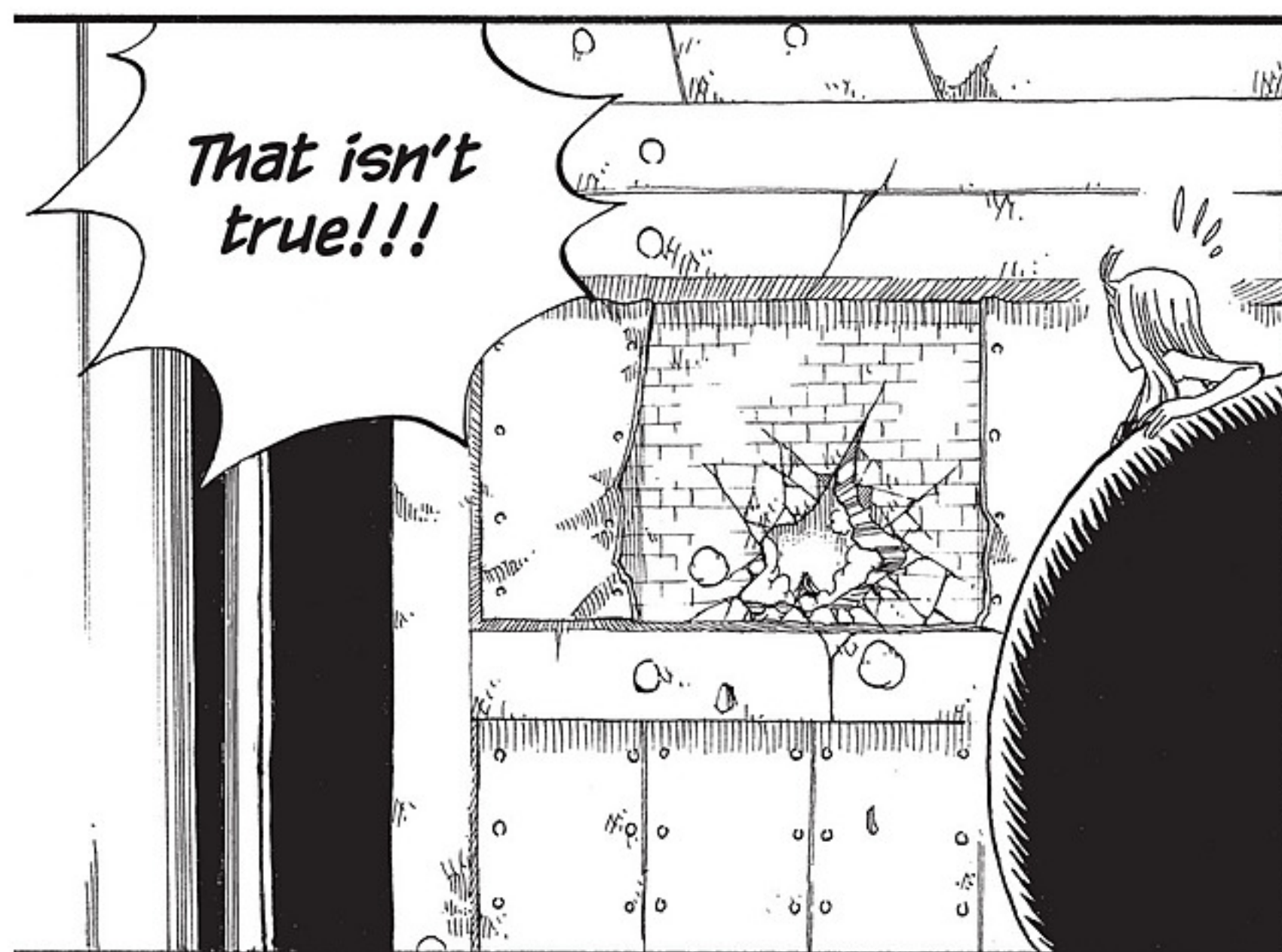
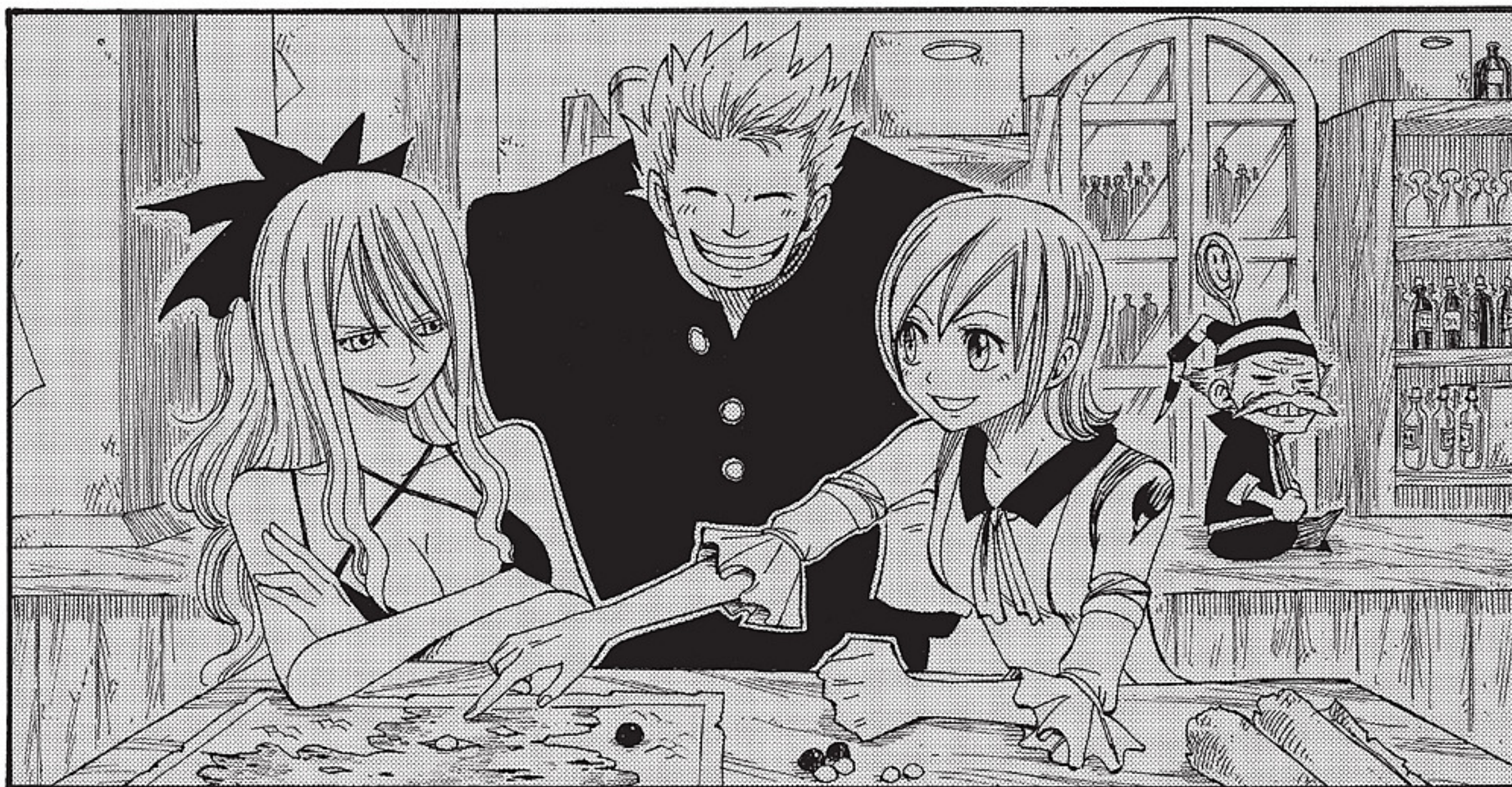
So why is
she crying
now?!!!

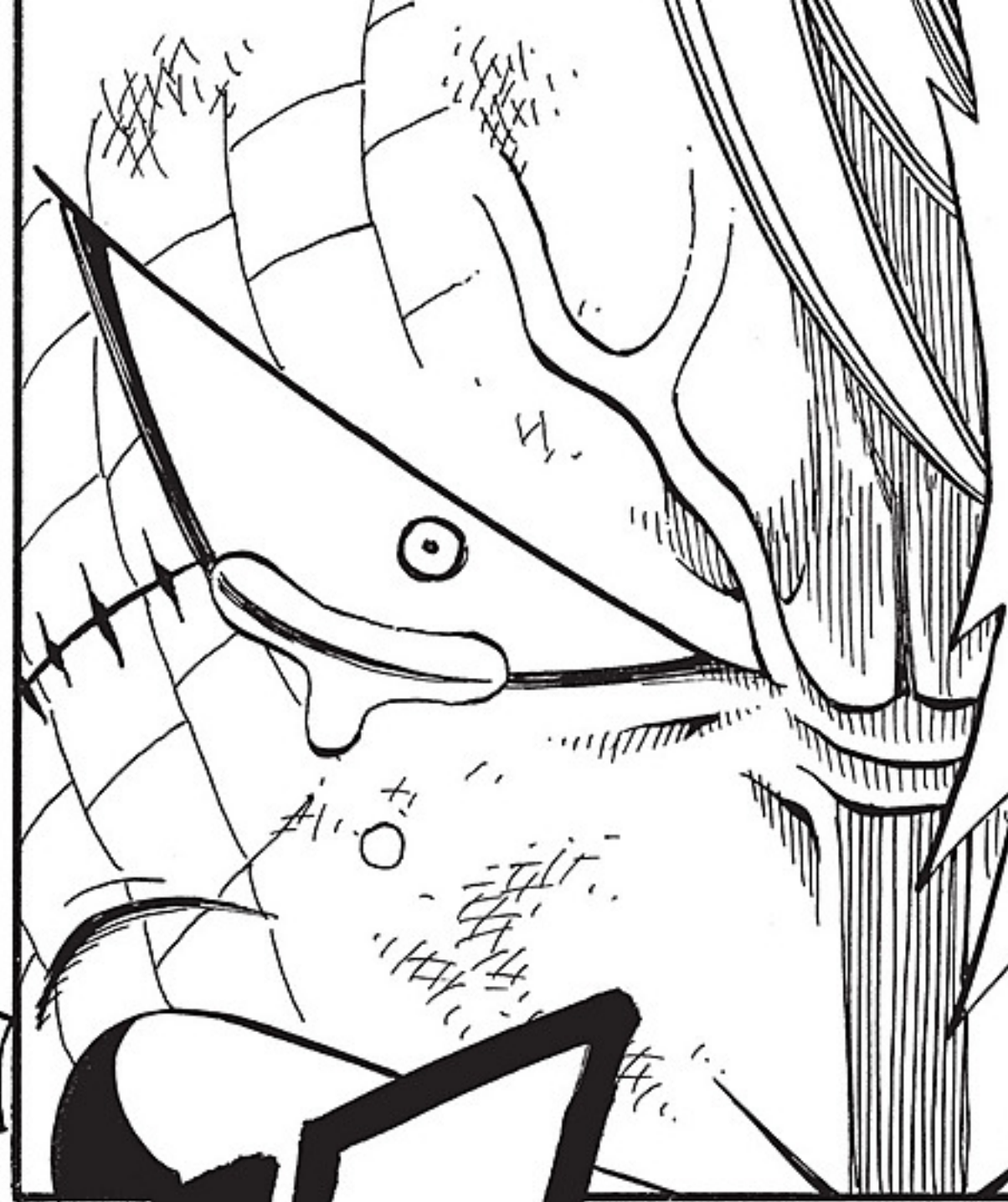
*I made a
vow that I
will never
allow my
sister
to weep
again!!!*



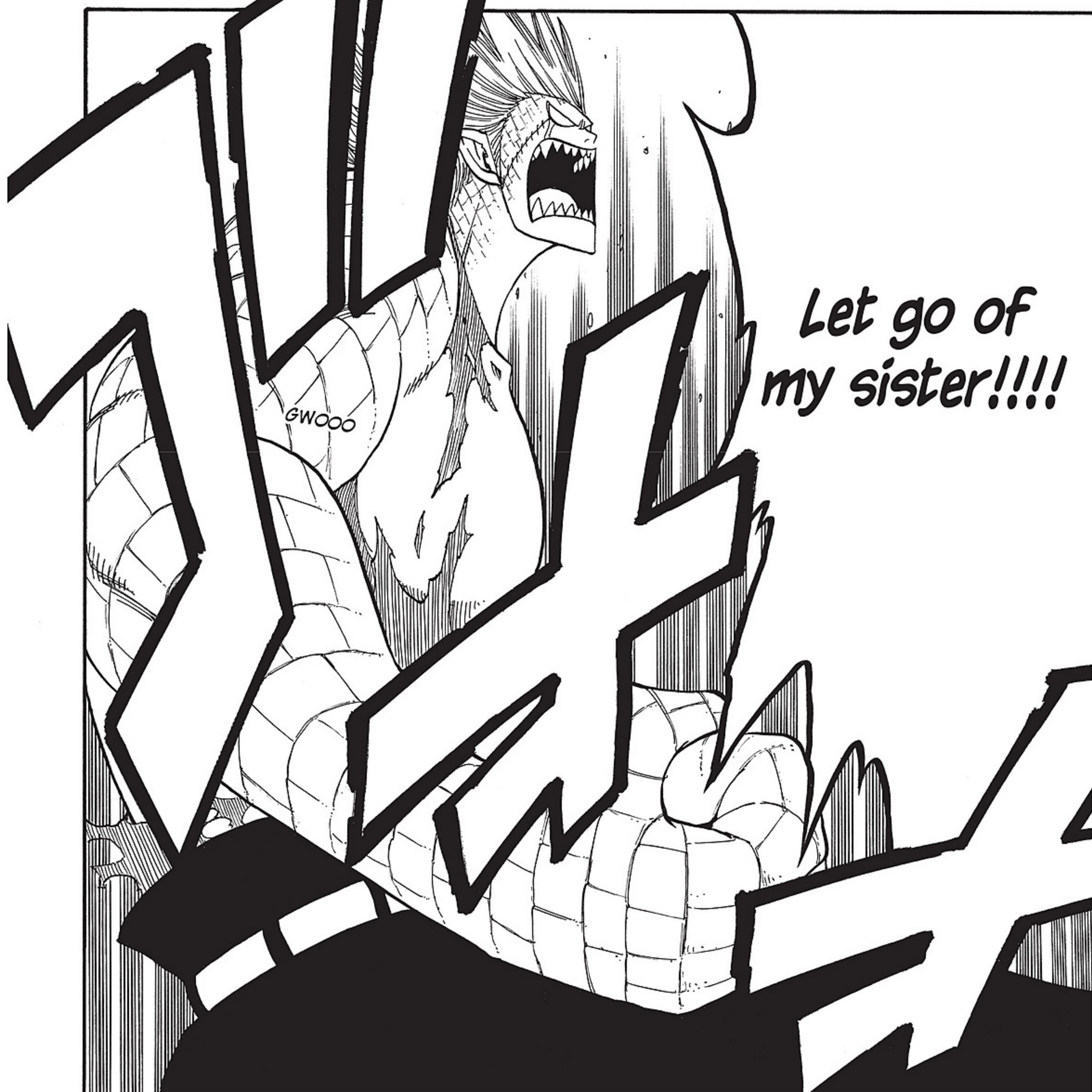
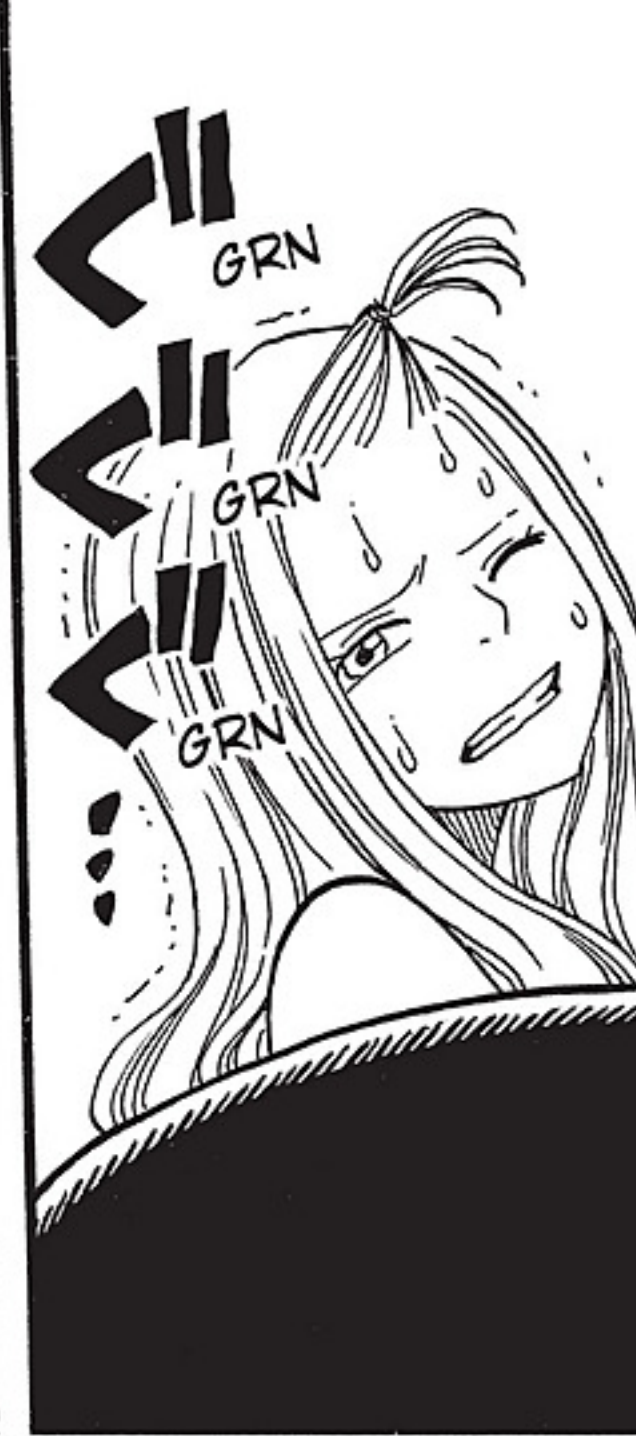
Wh-What
did you
say...?!!



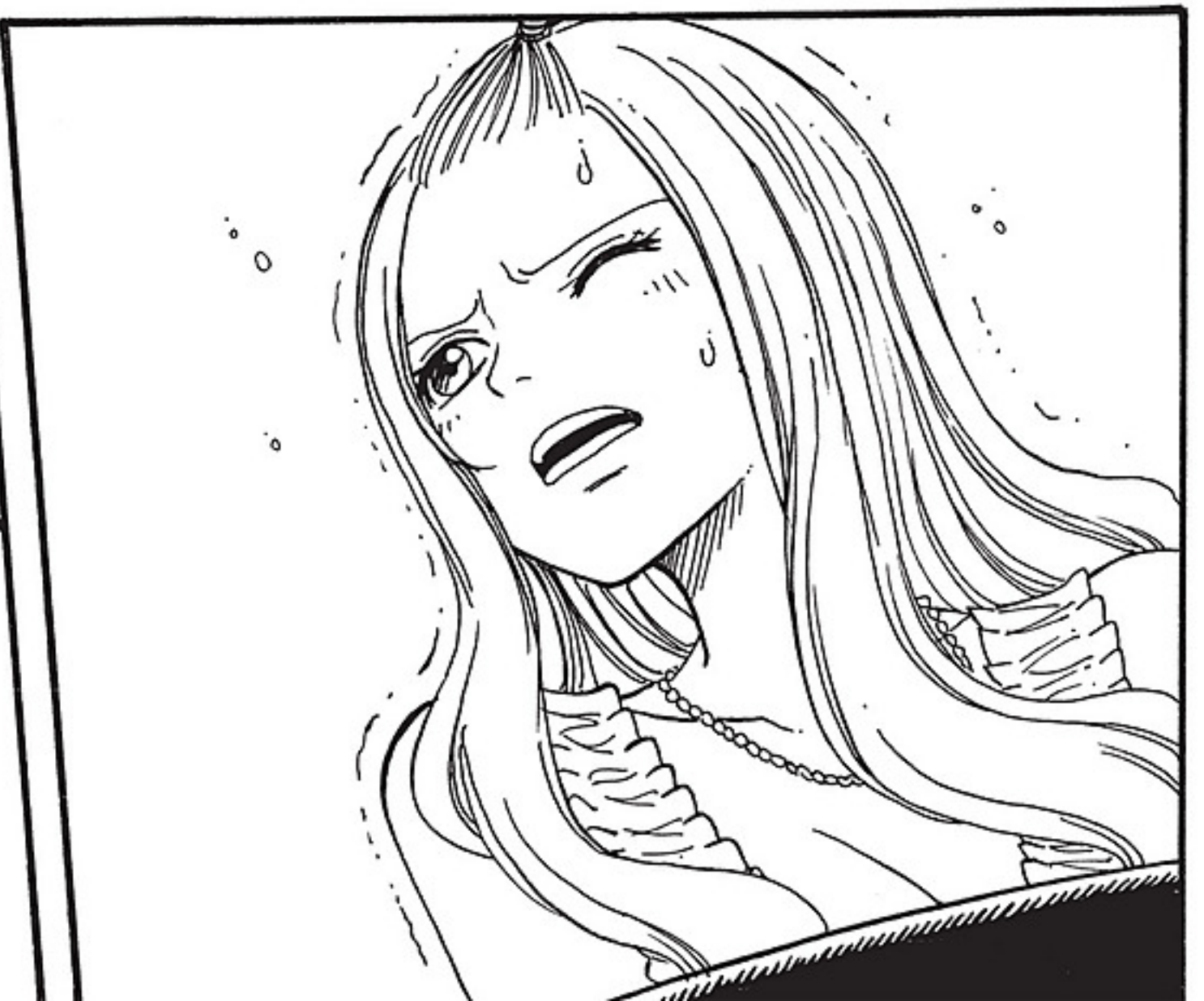
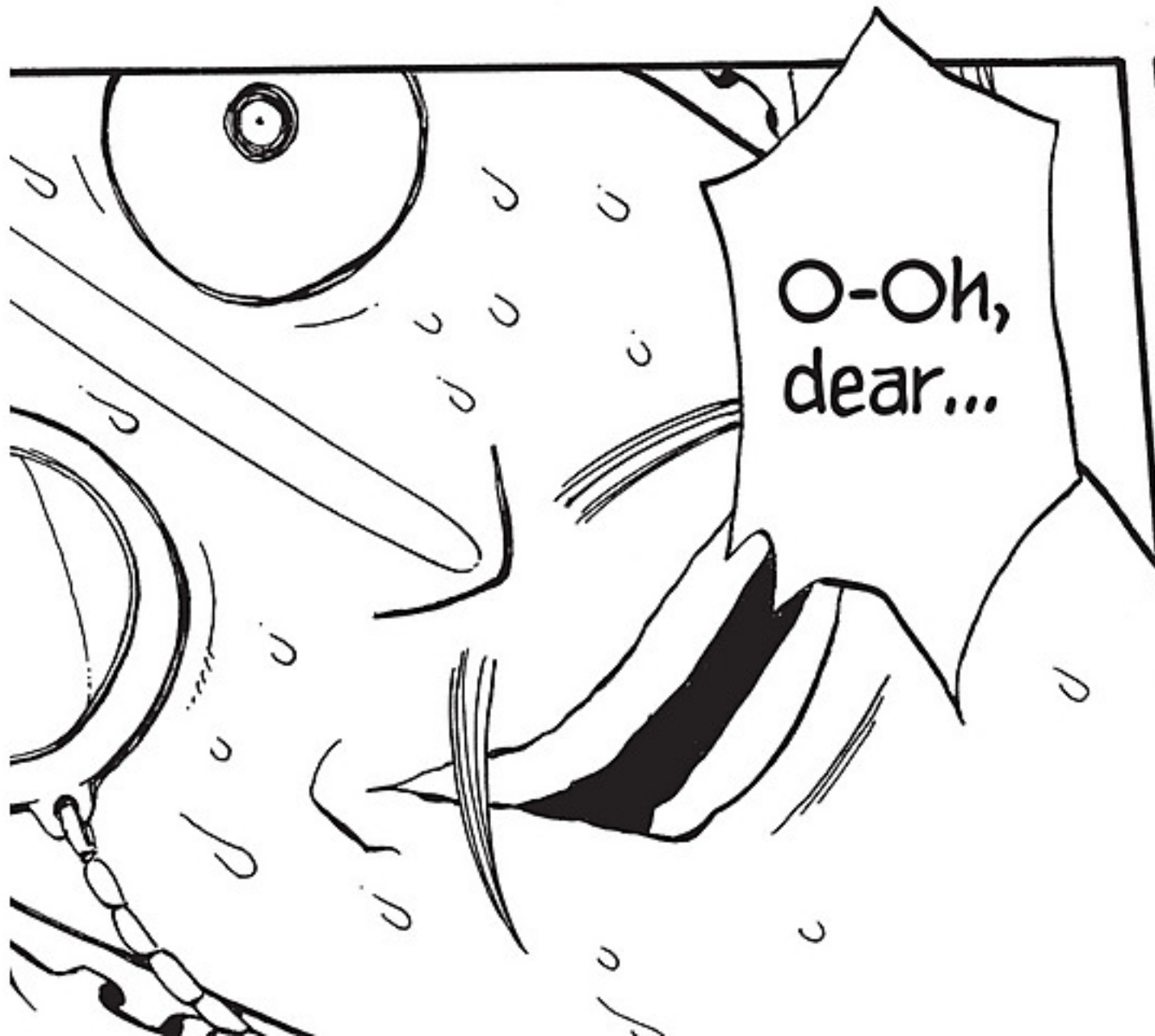
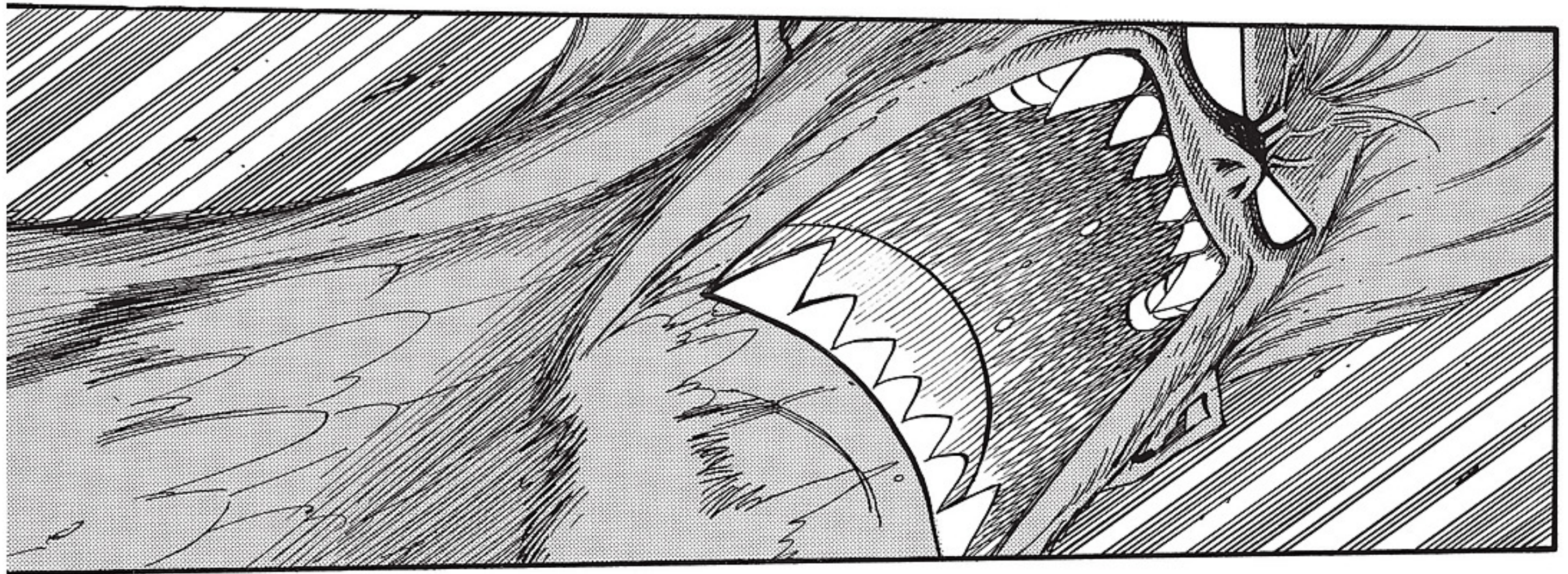
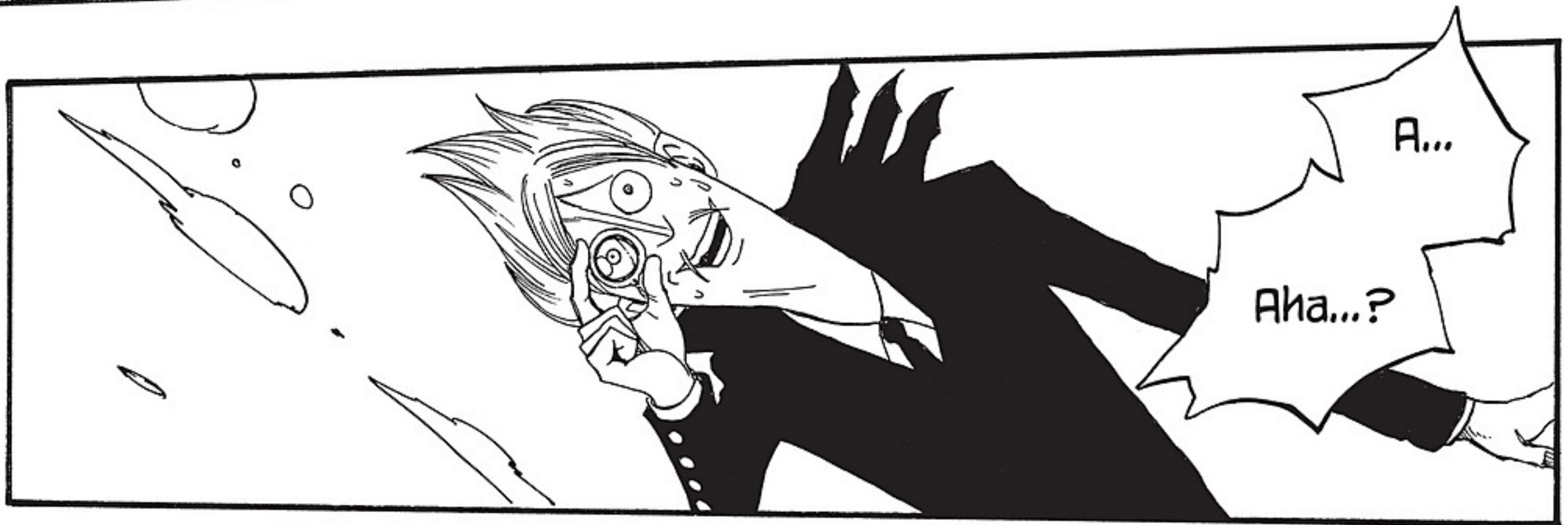
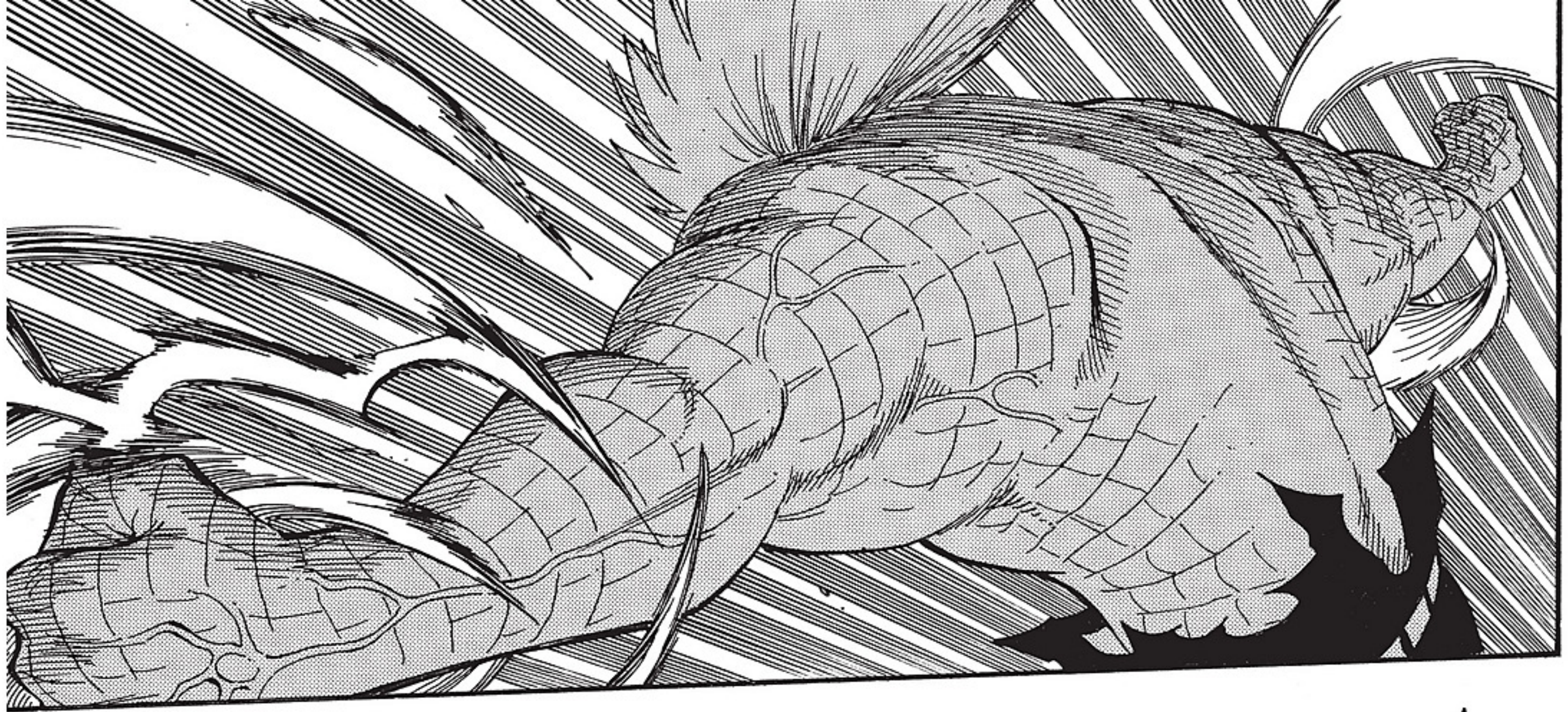




*I will be
a strong
man
who can
protect
his
sister!!!*



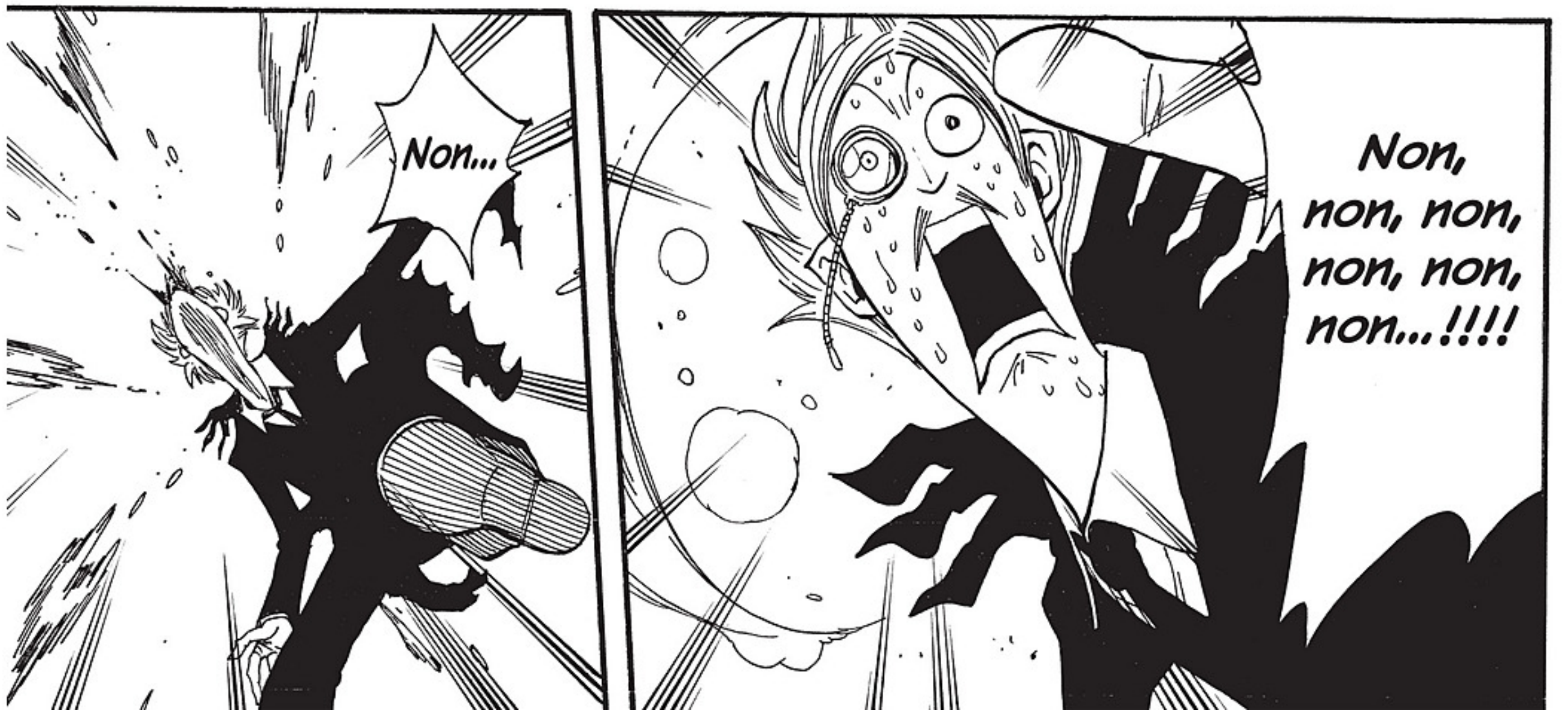
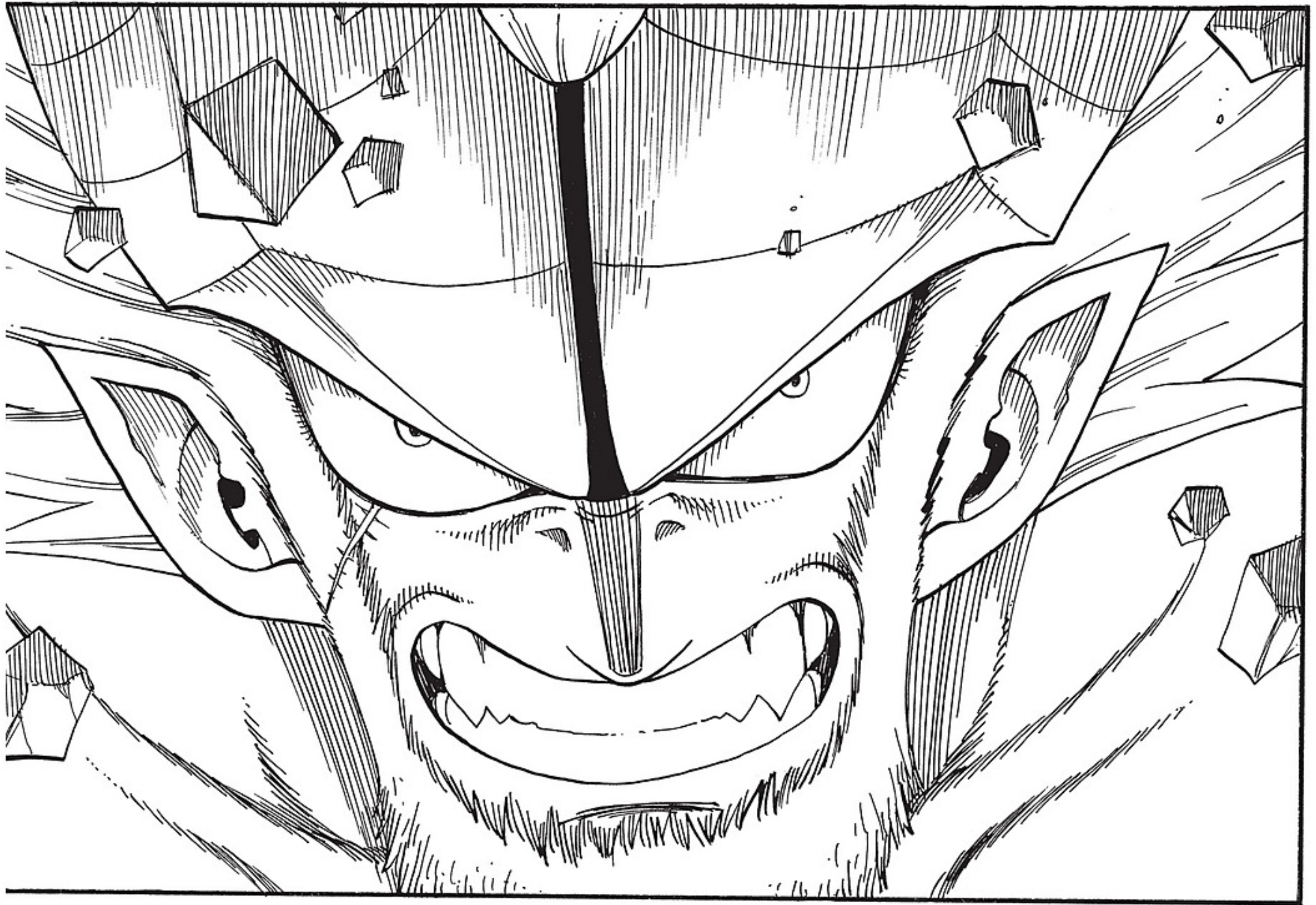
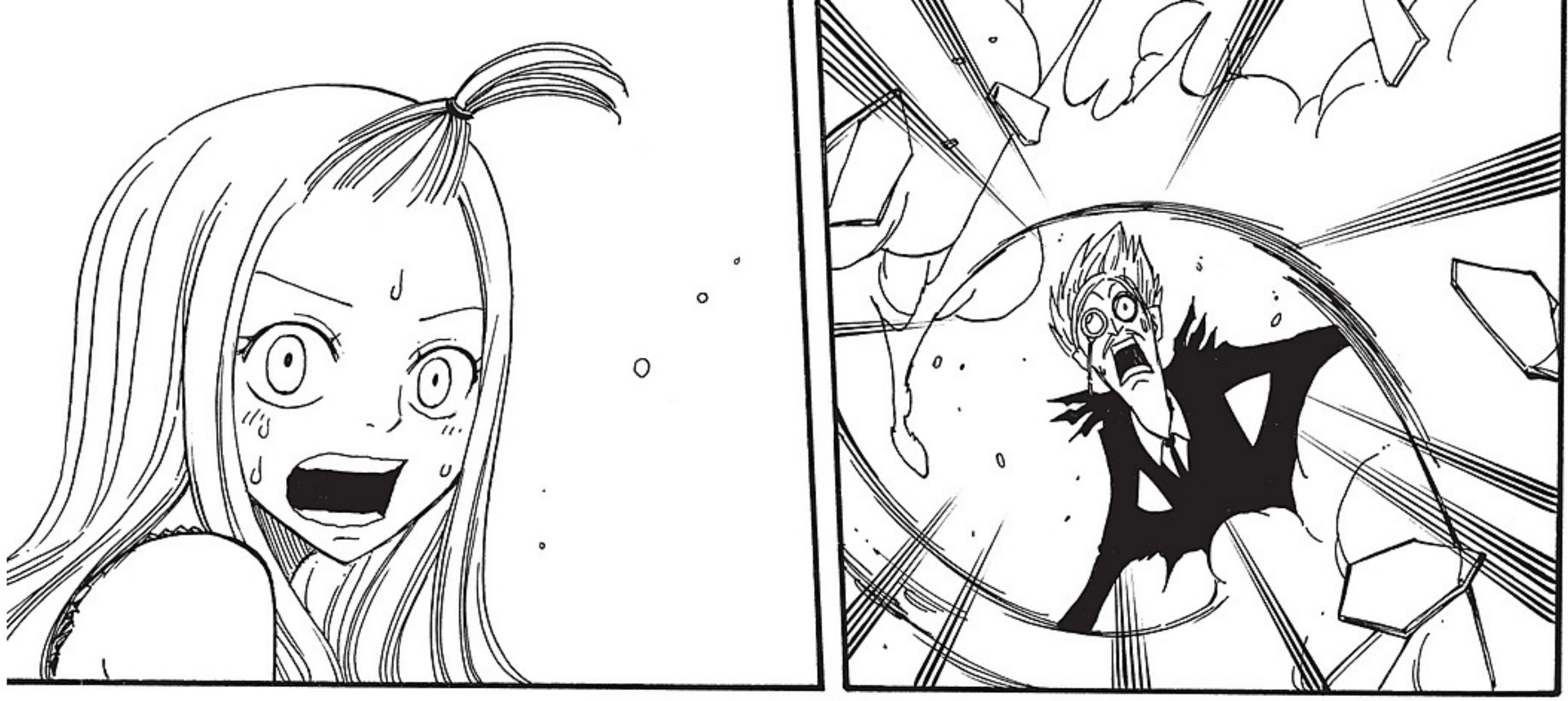
*Let go of
my sister!!!!*



Can that
be the
*Full-Body
Takeover:
Beast
Soul?!!!*

Doom



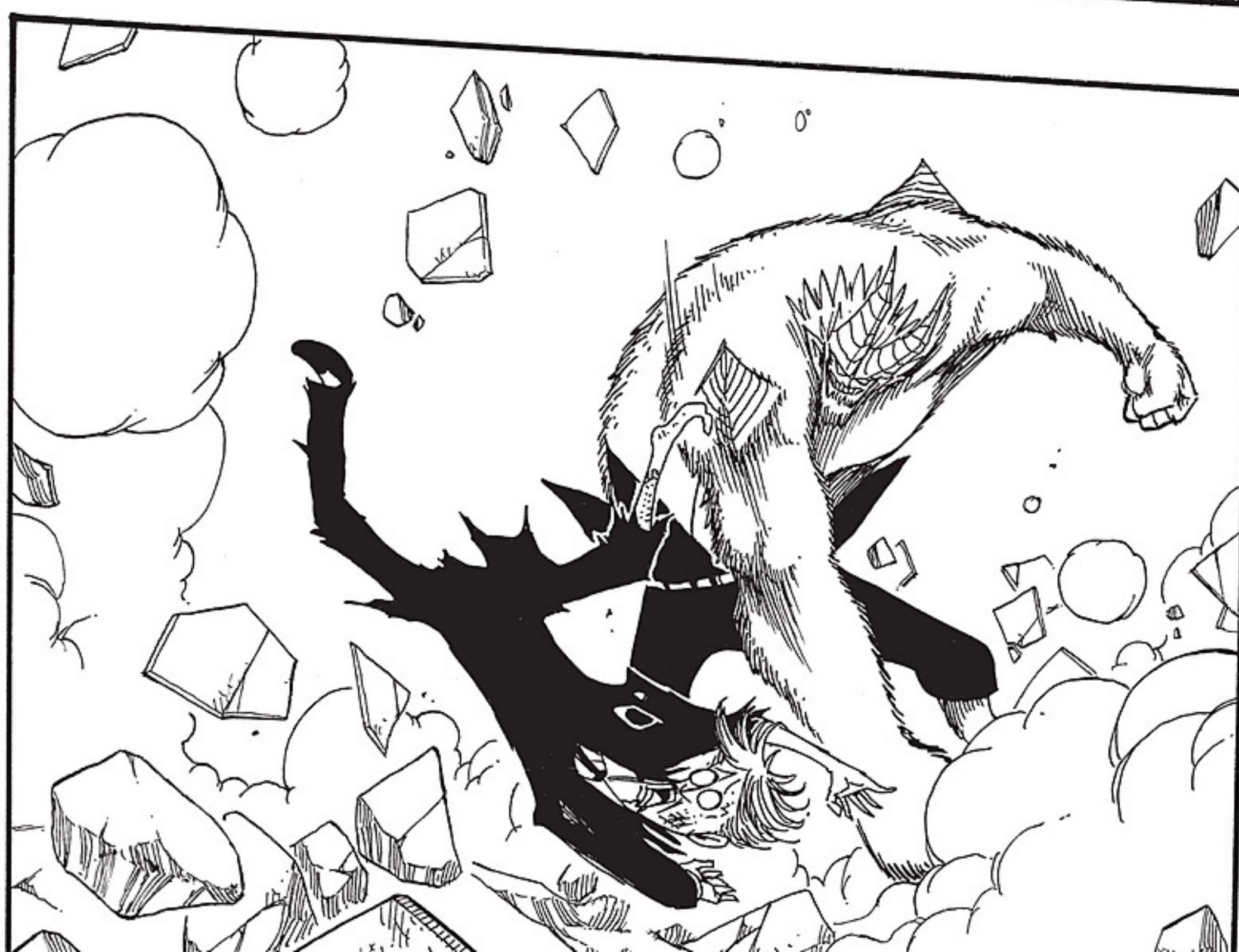
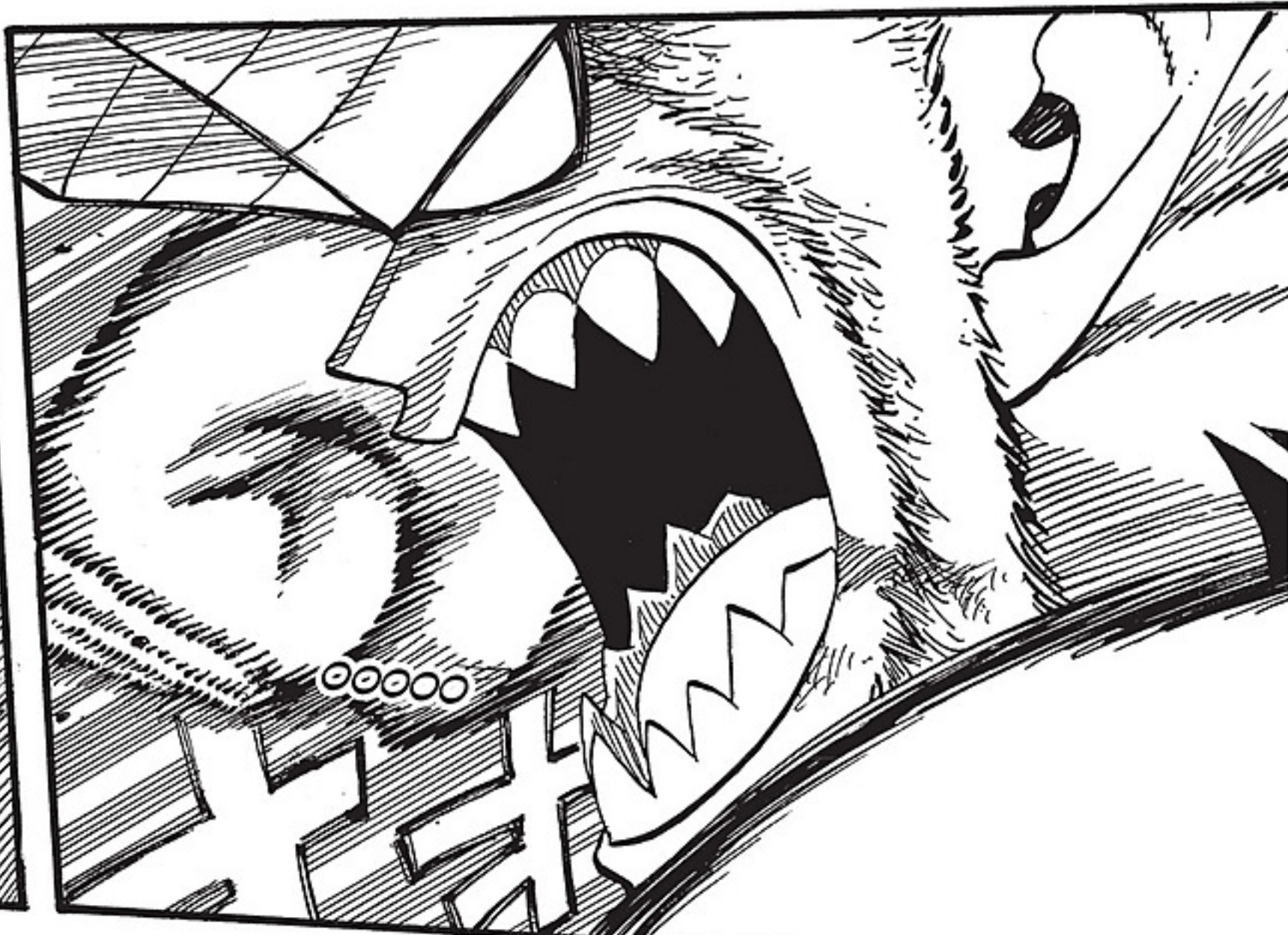
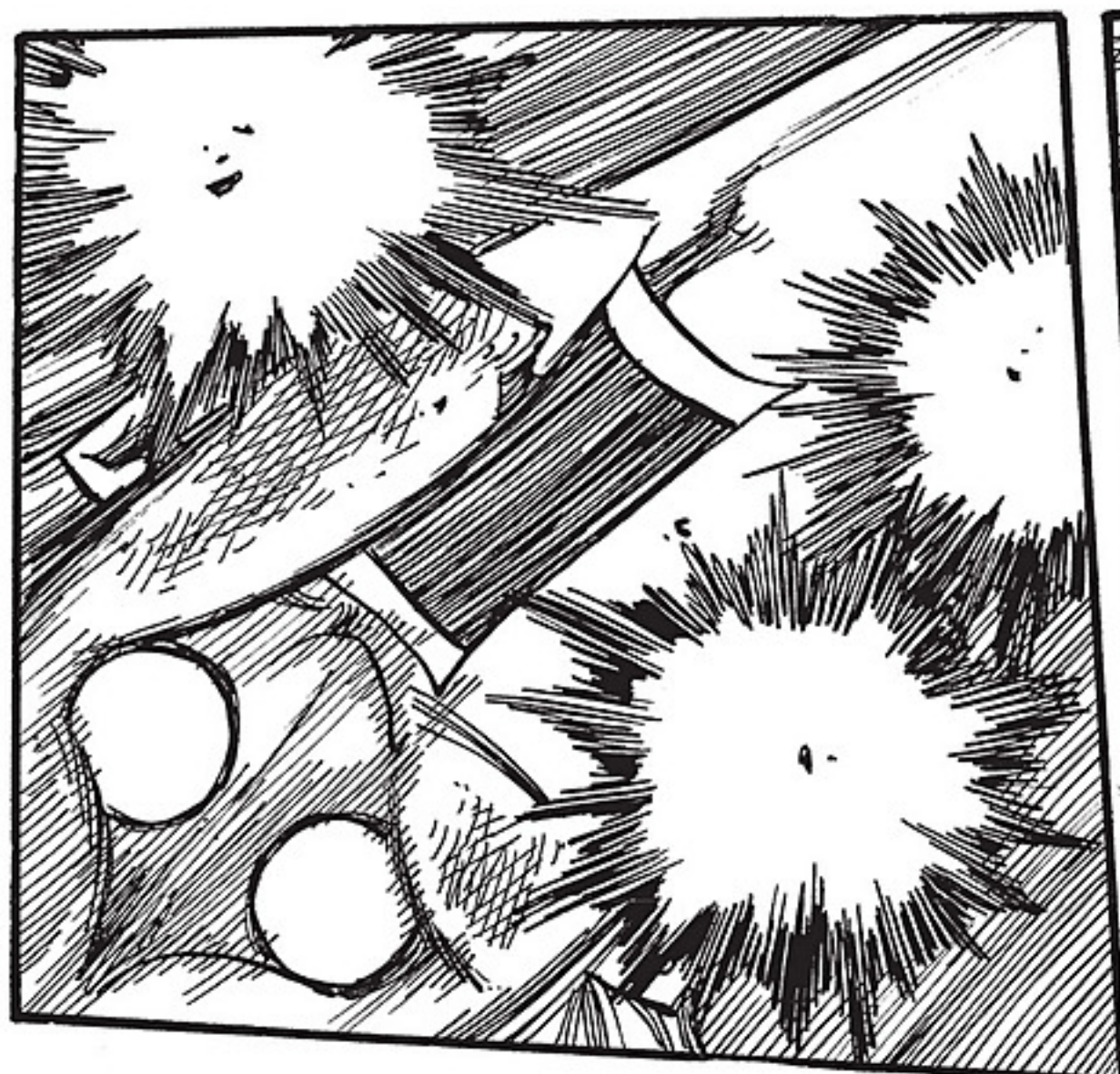
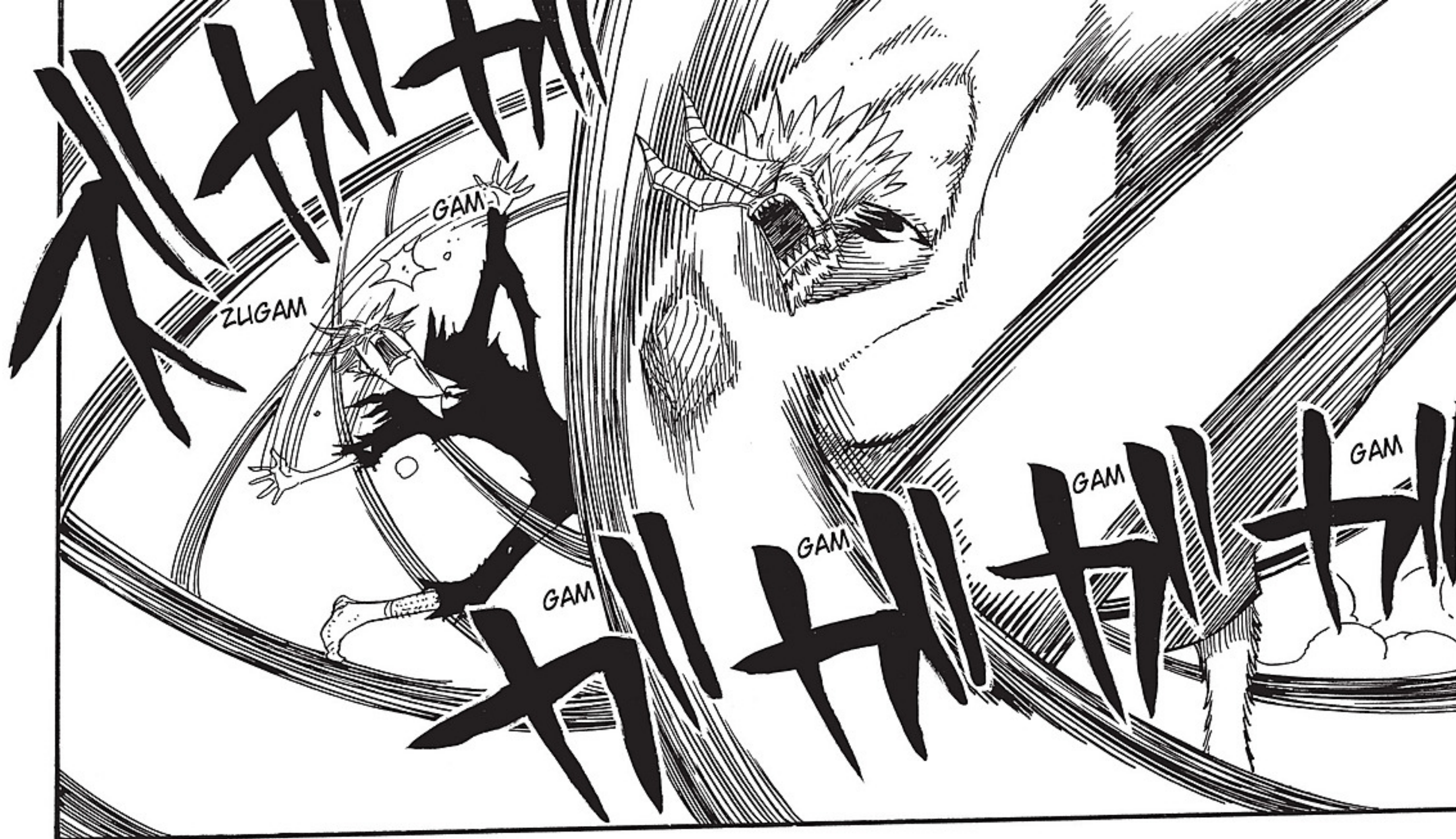


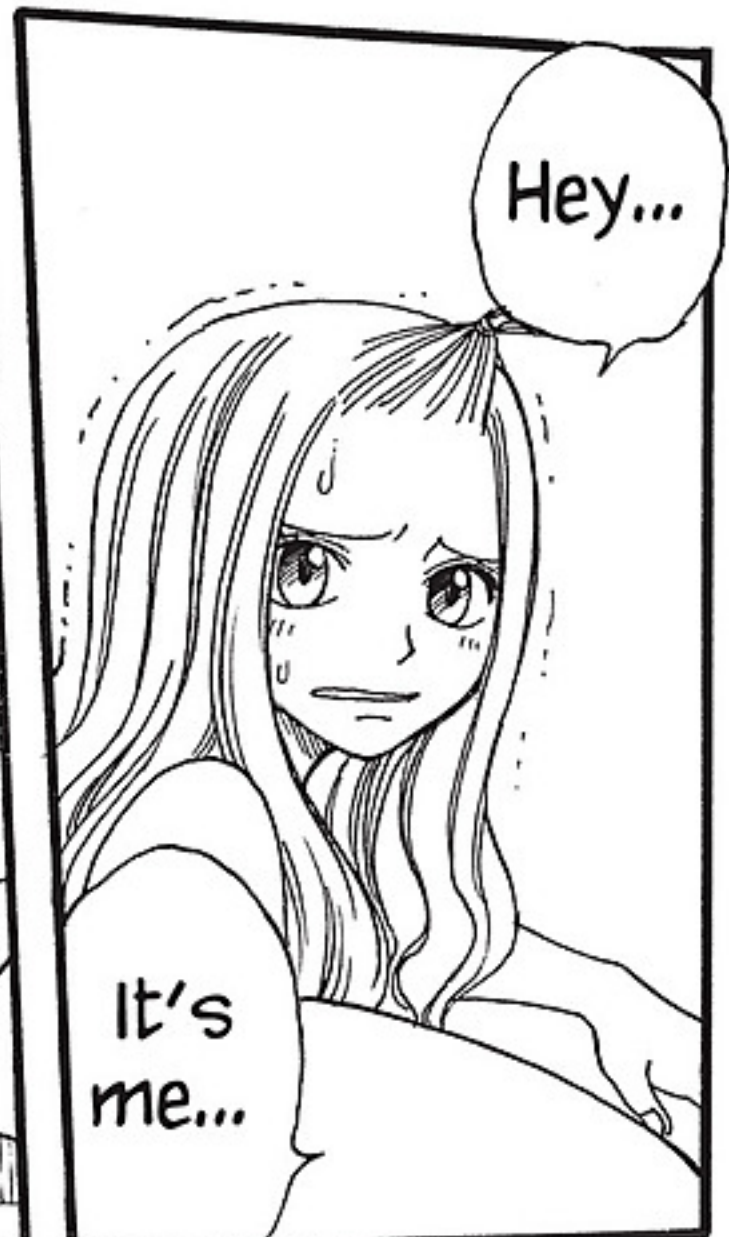
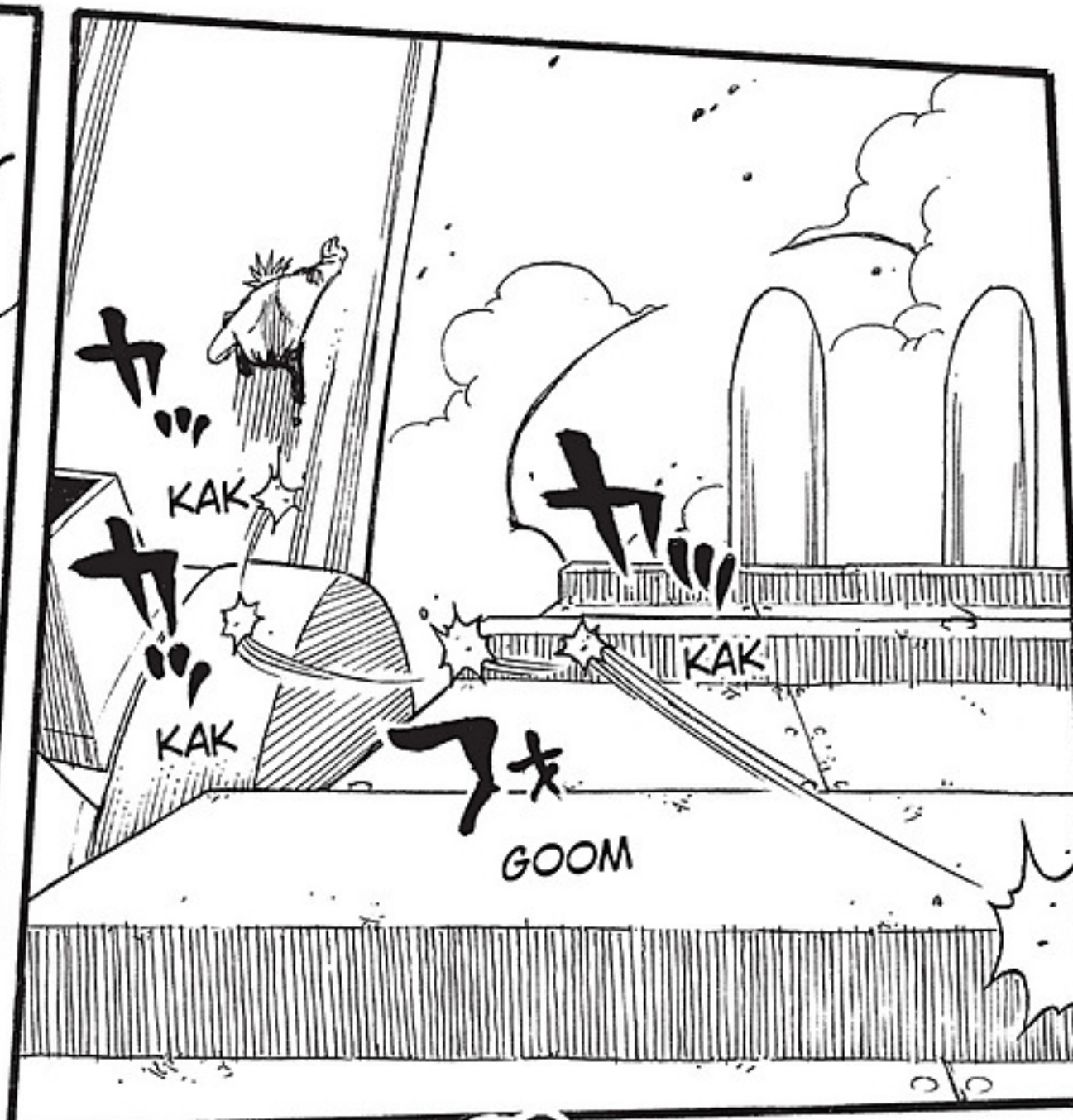
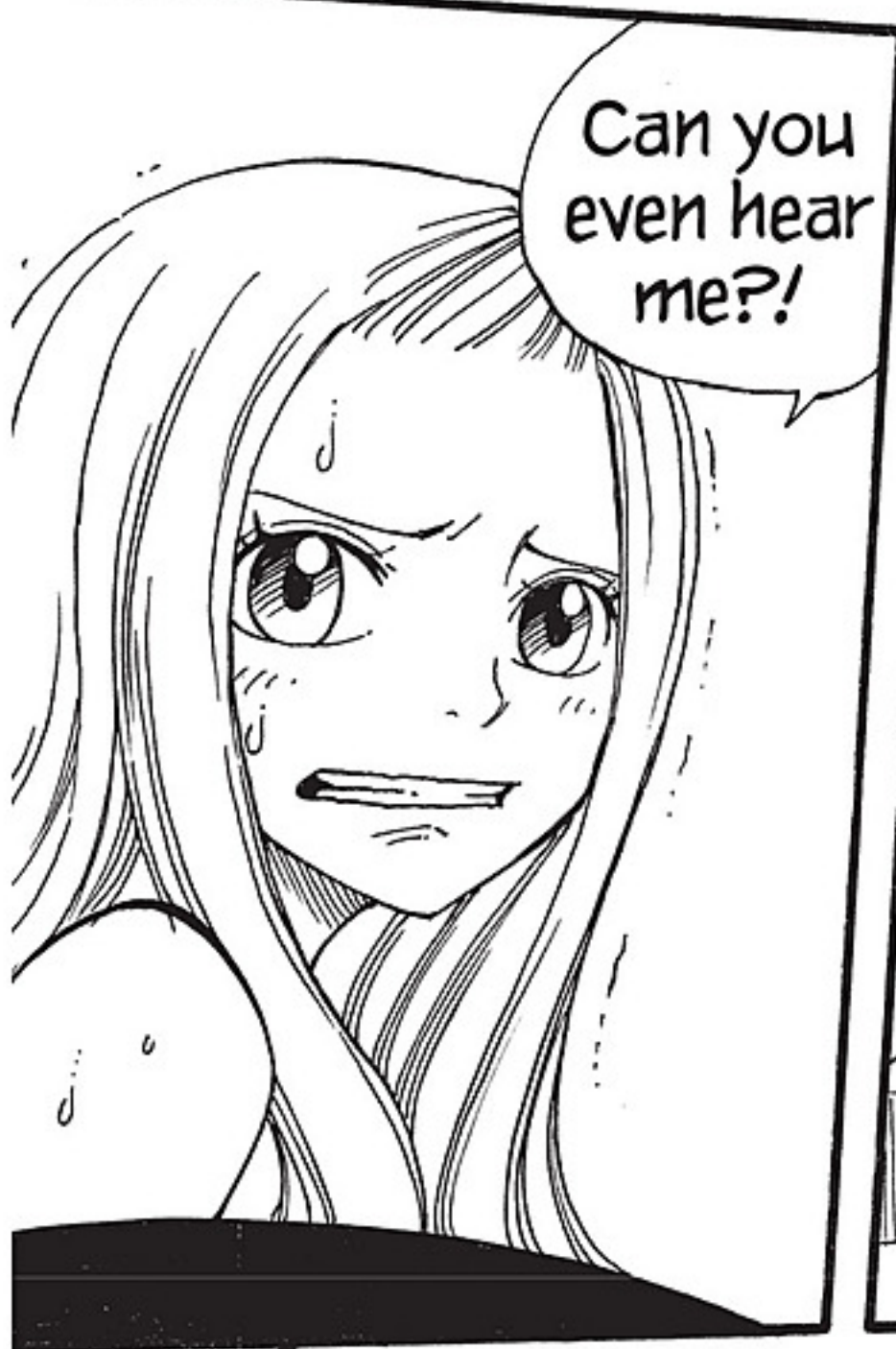
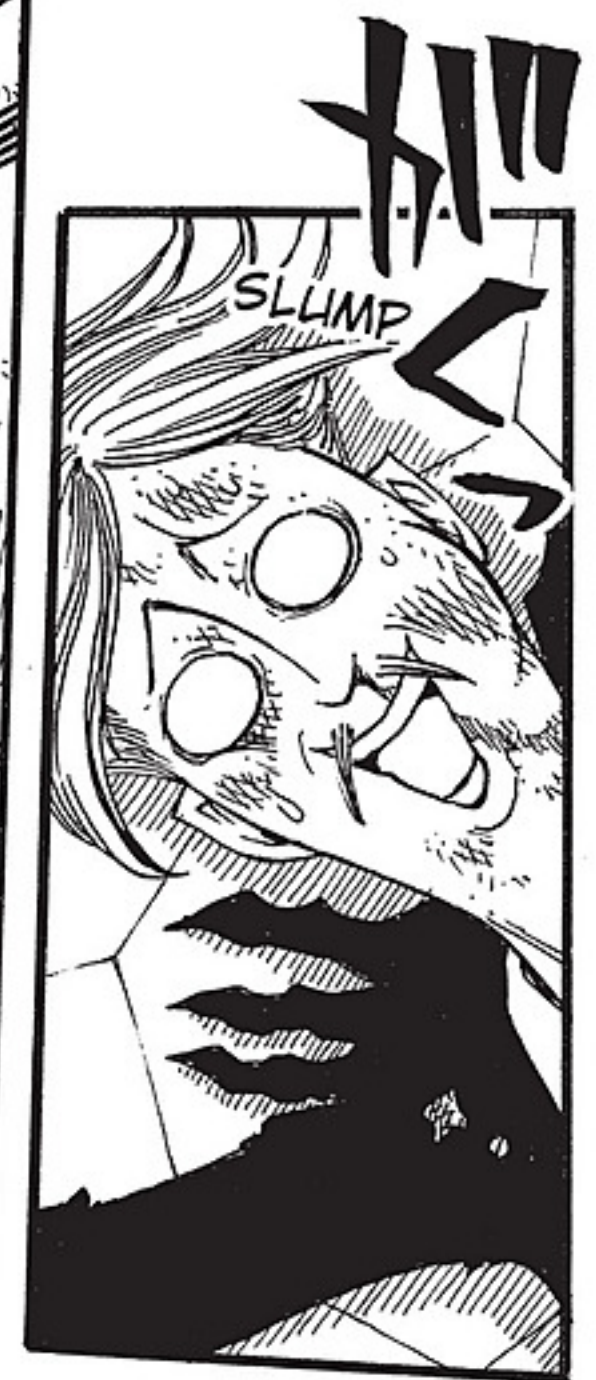


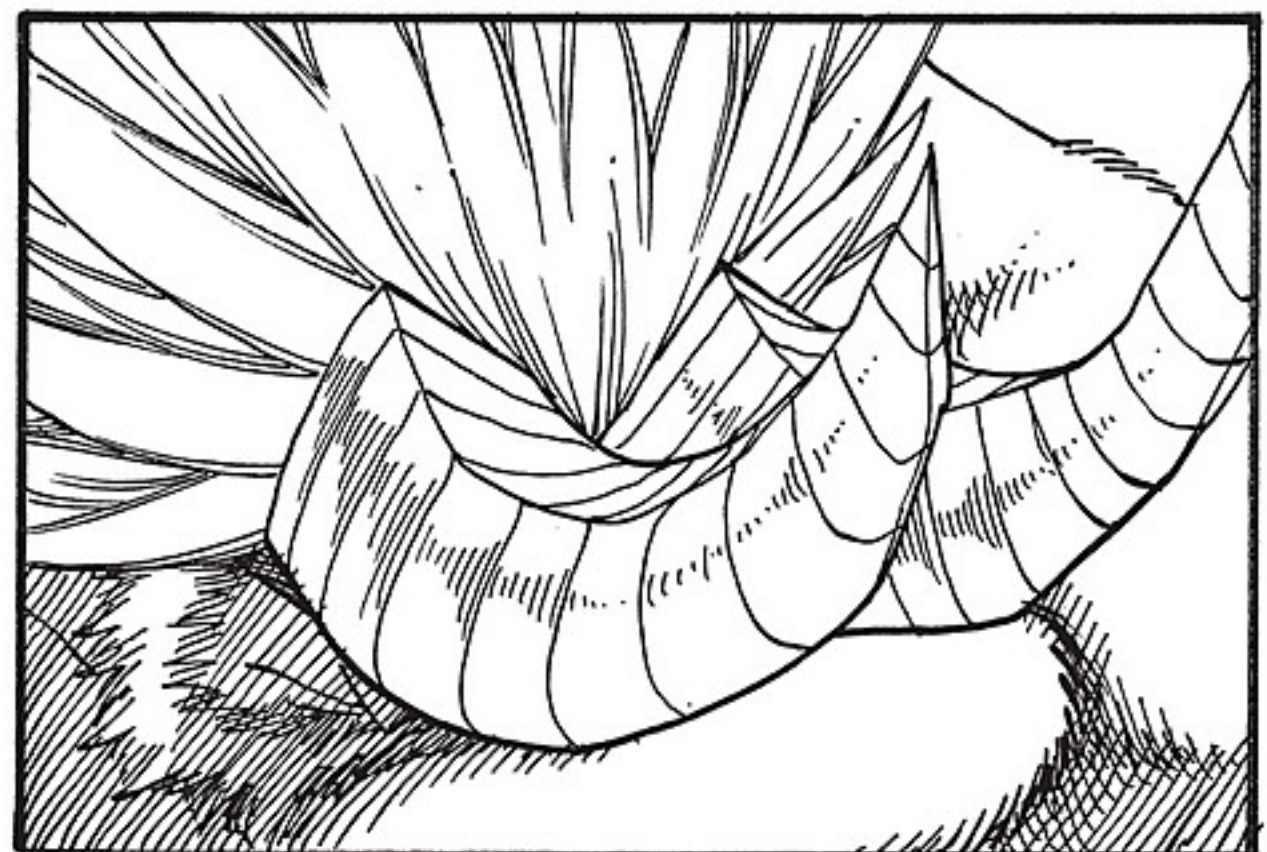
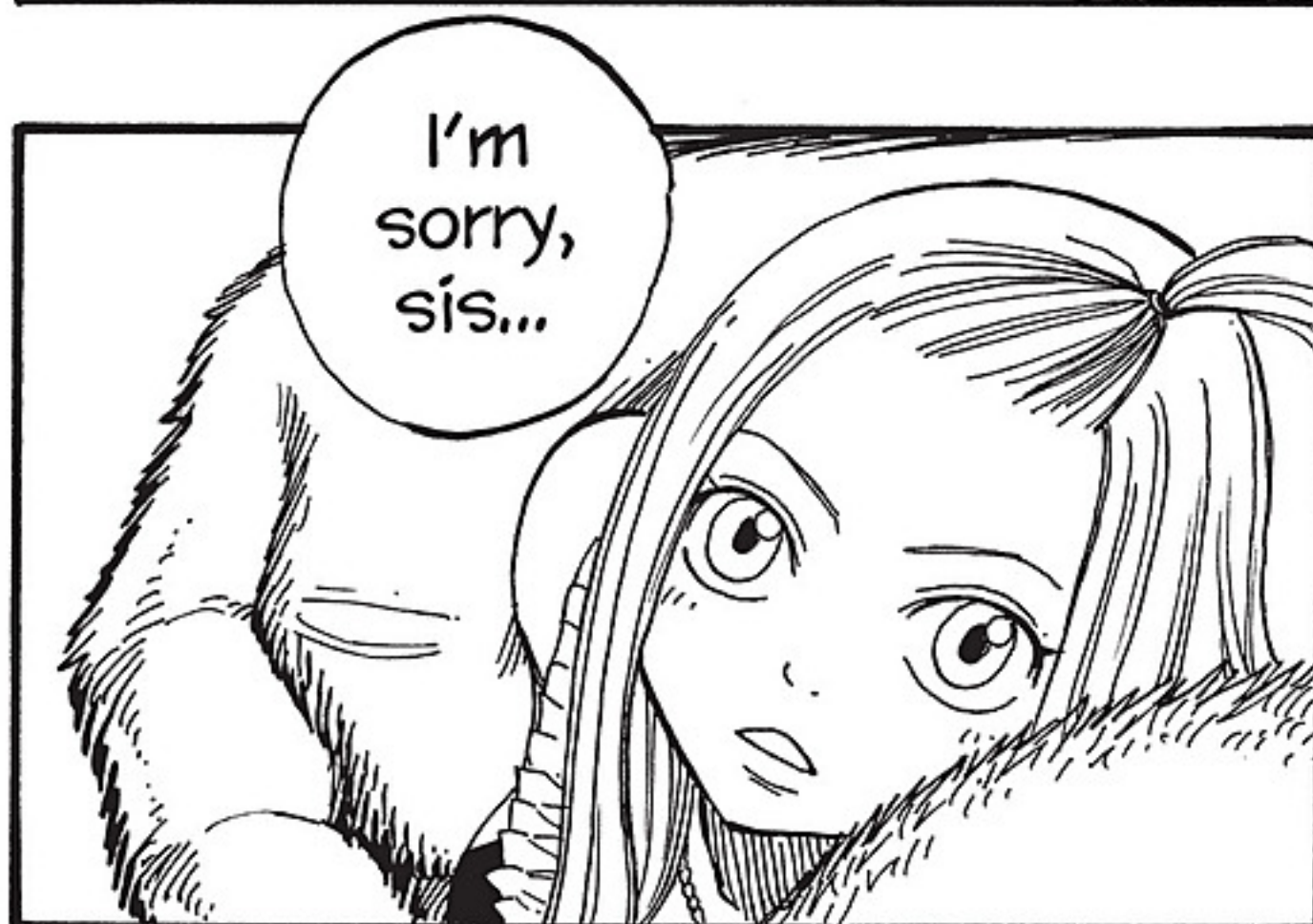
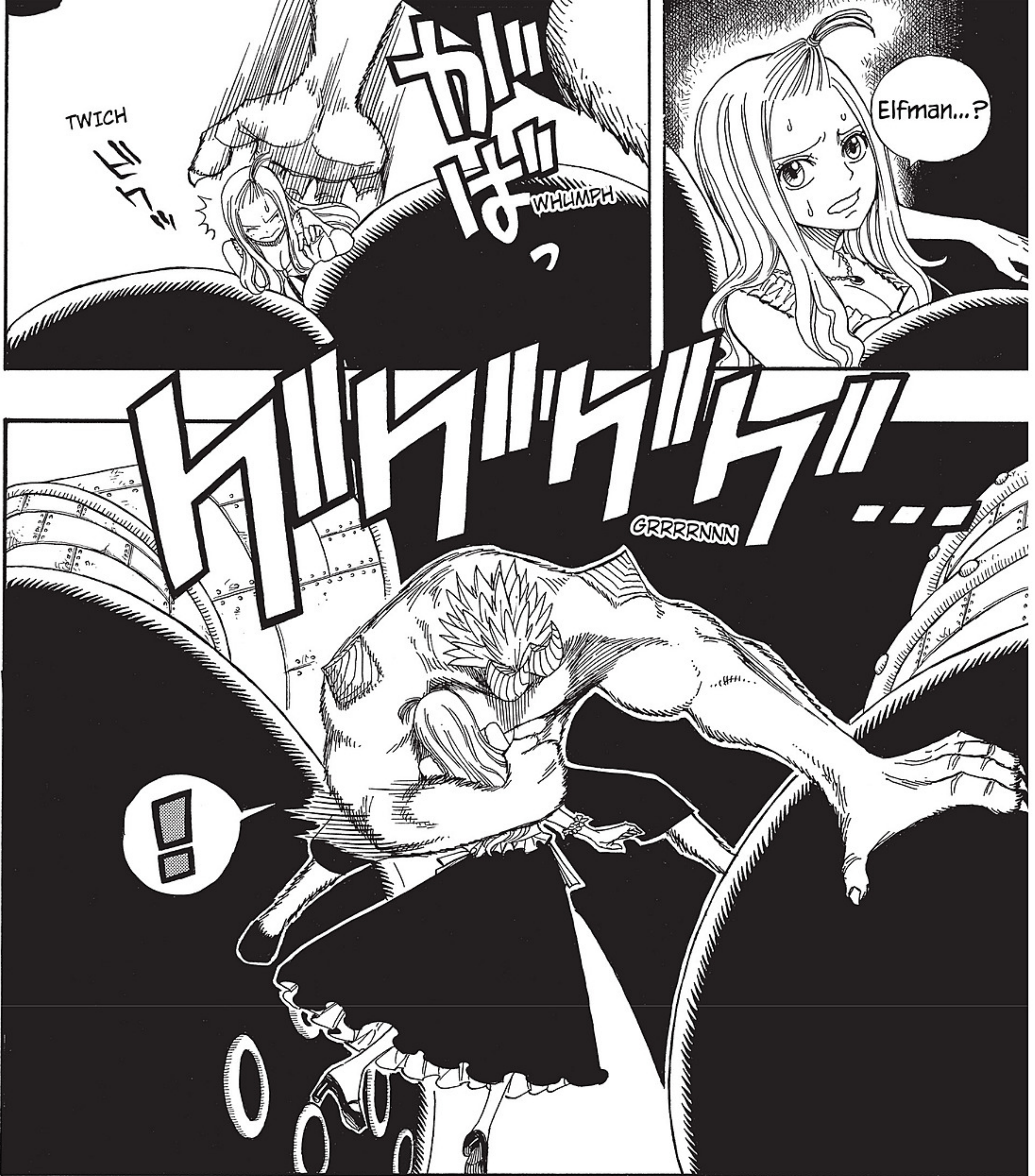
FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 56: A Flower Blooms in the Rain









And it was
because I
couldn't
control
it that
Lisanna...

You never
wanted to see
this creature
again, did
you?

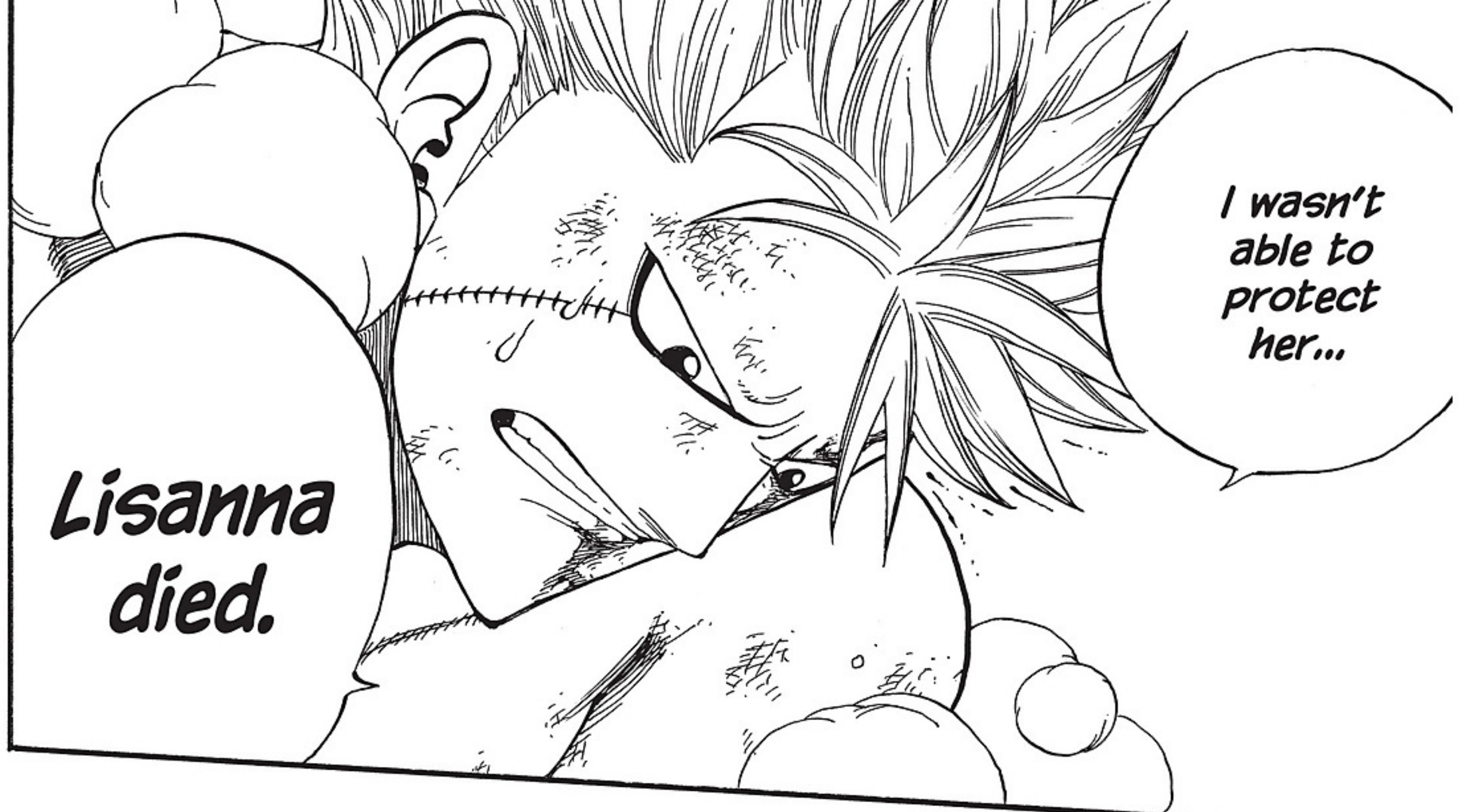
To protect
you and
Fairy Tail, I
had to get
stronger...

But...this
was the
only way
I could
think of.

You...
kept your
reason...

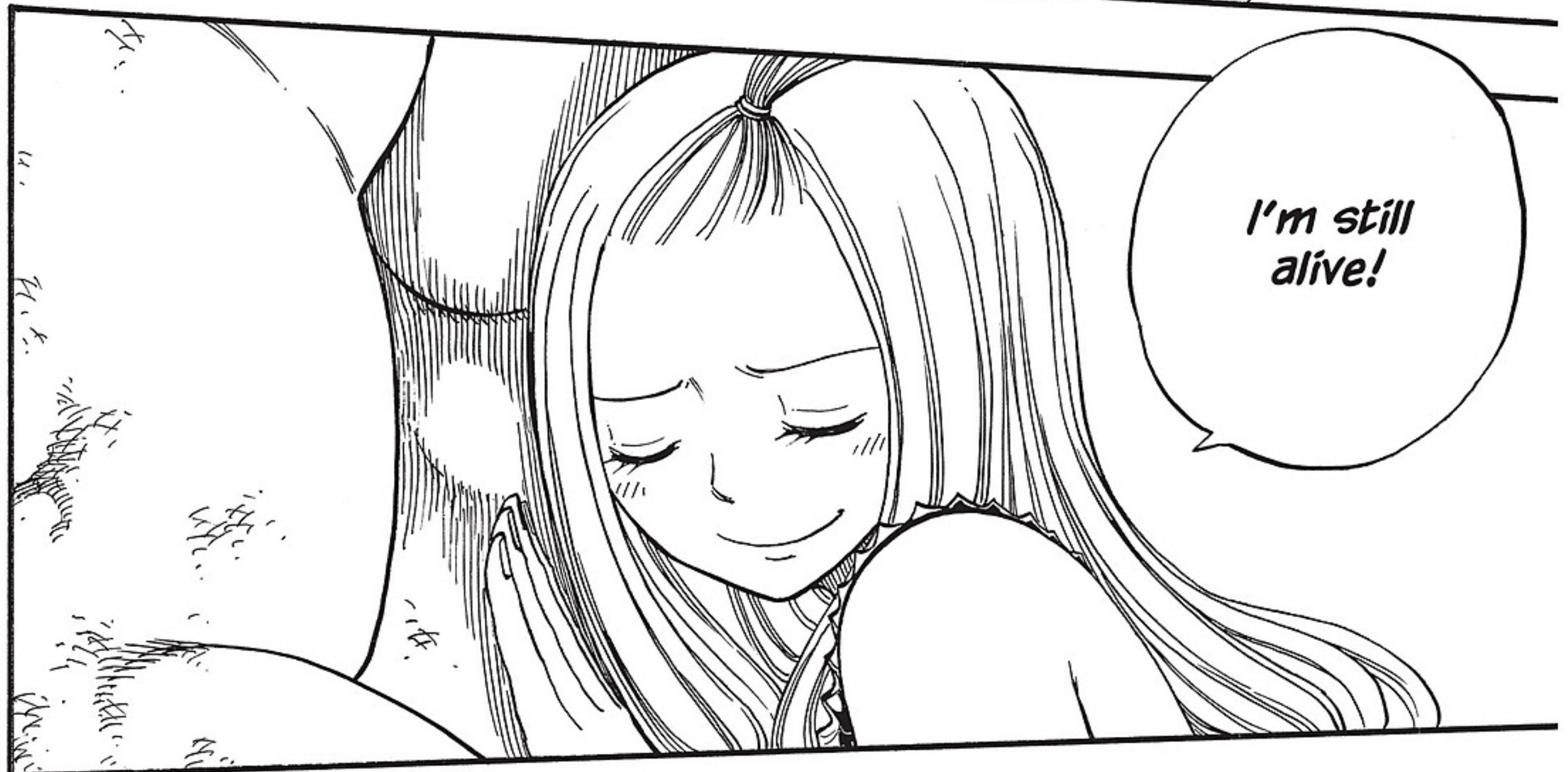
Even then, you
were doing
your best to
protect us.

It wasn't
your fault
that Lisanna
died.

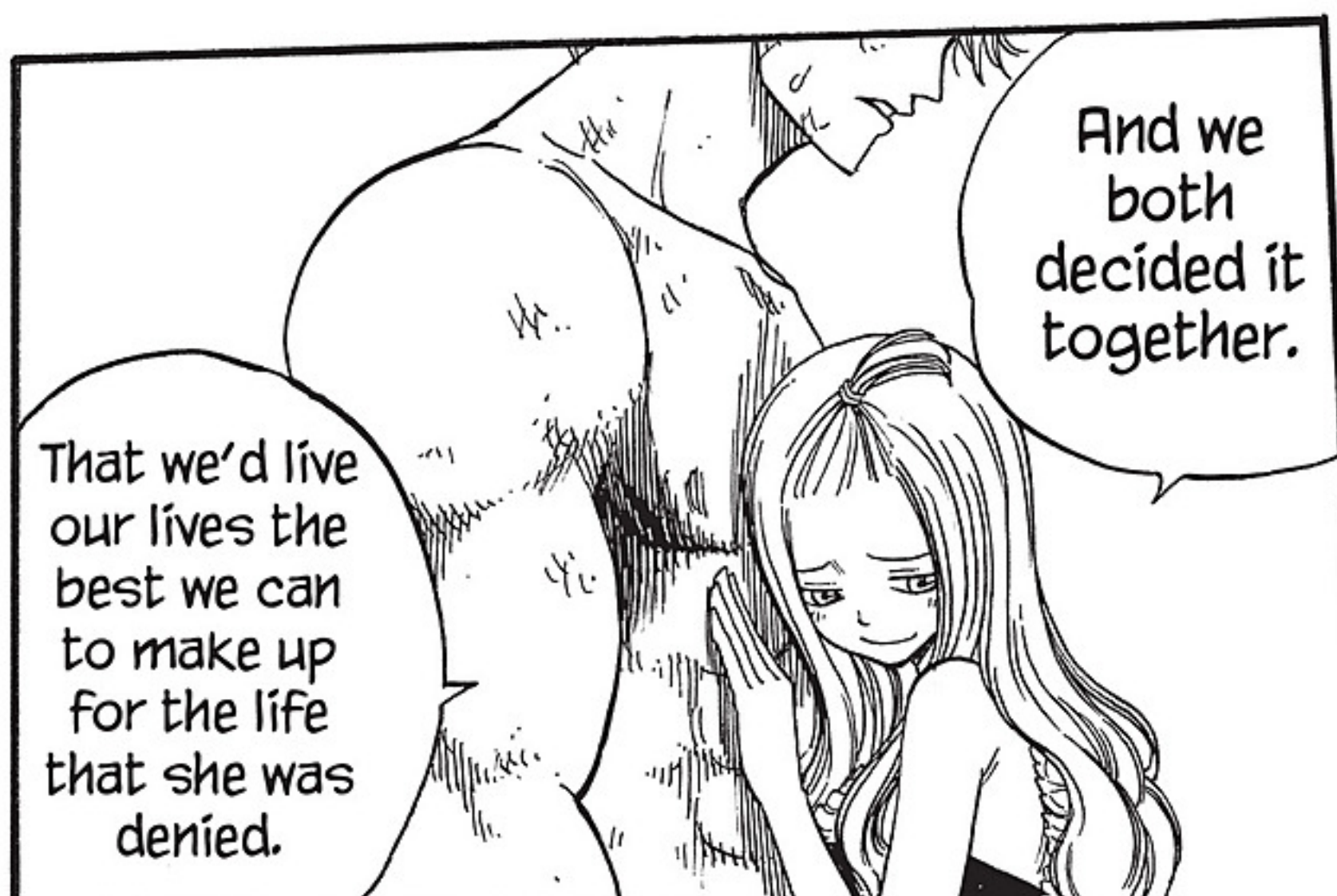


**Lisanna
died.**

**I wasn't
able to
protect
her...**



**I'm still
alive!**

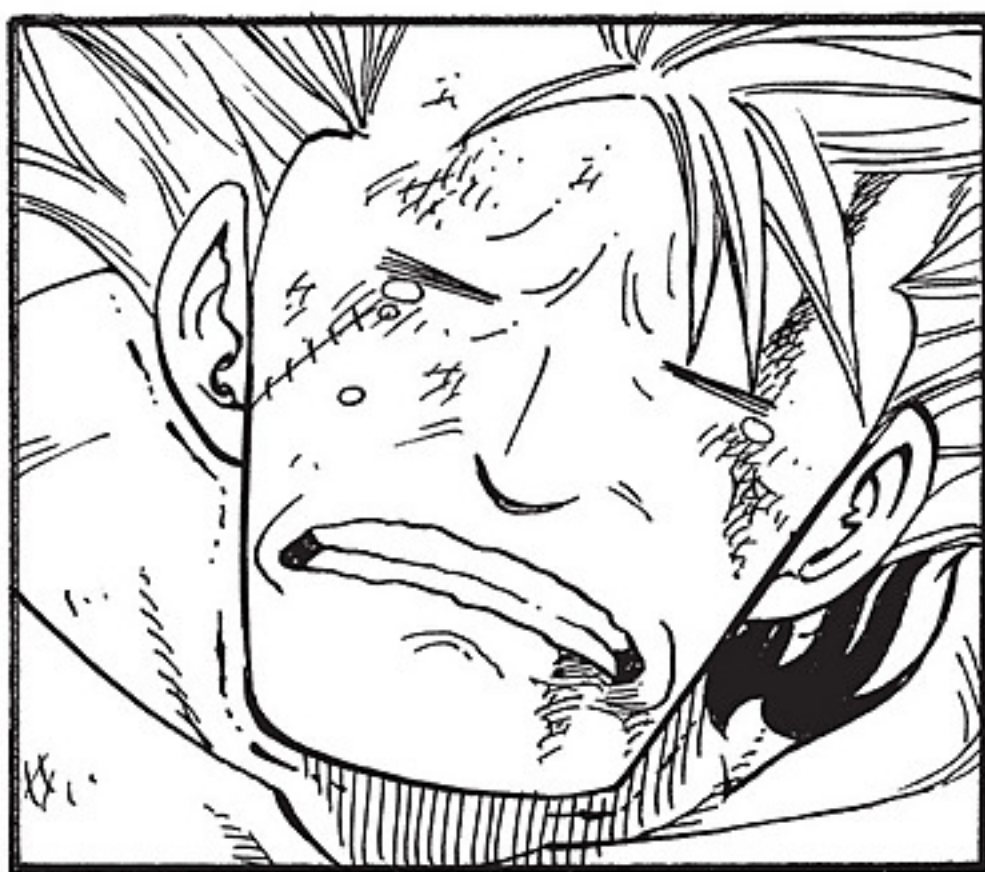


**That we'd live
our lives the
best we can
to make up
for the life
that she was
denied.**

**And we
both
decided it
together.**

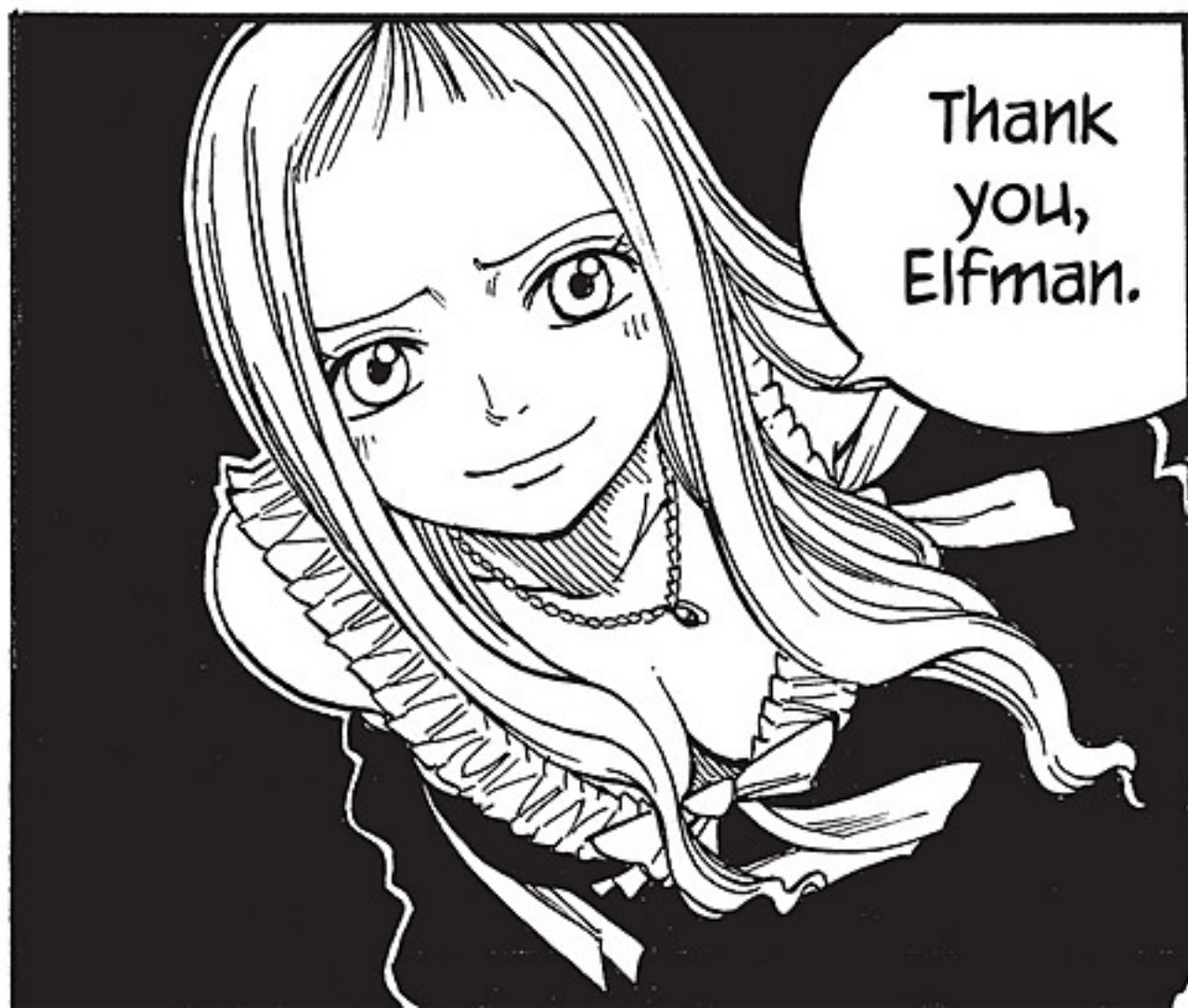


Sis...



I'm so
happy
you're
safe!!!!

Sis!!!
Waahh!!!



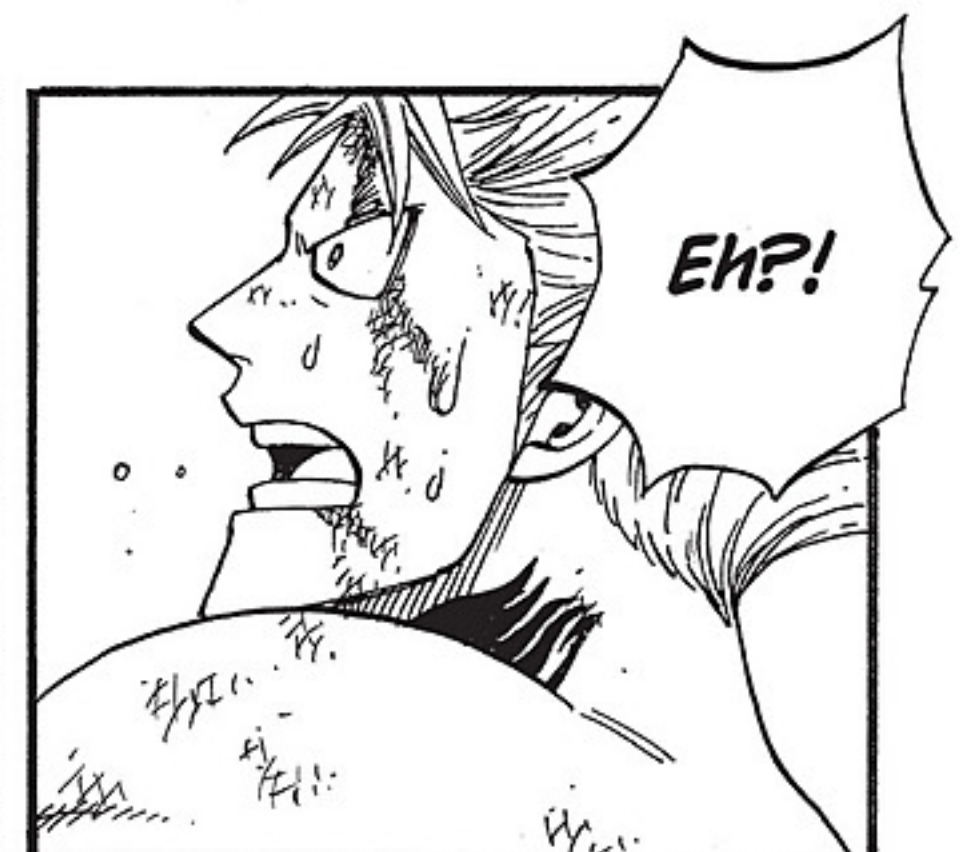
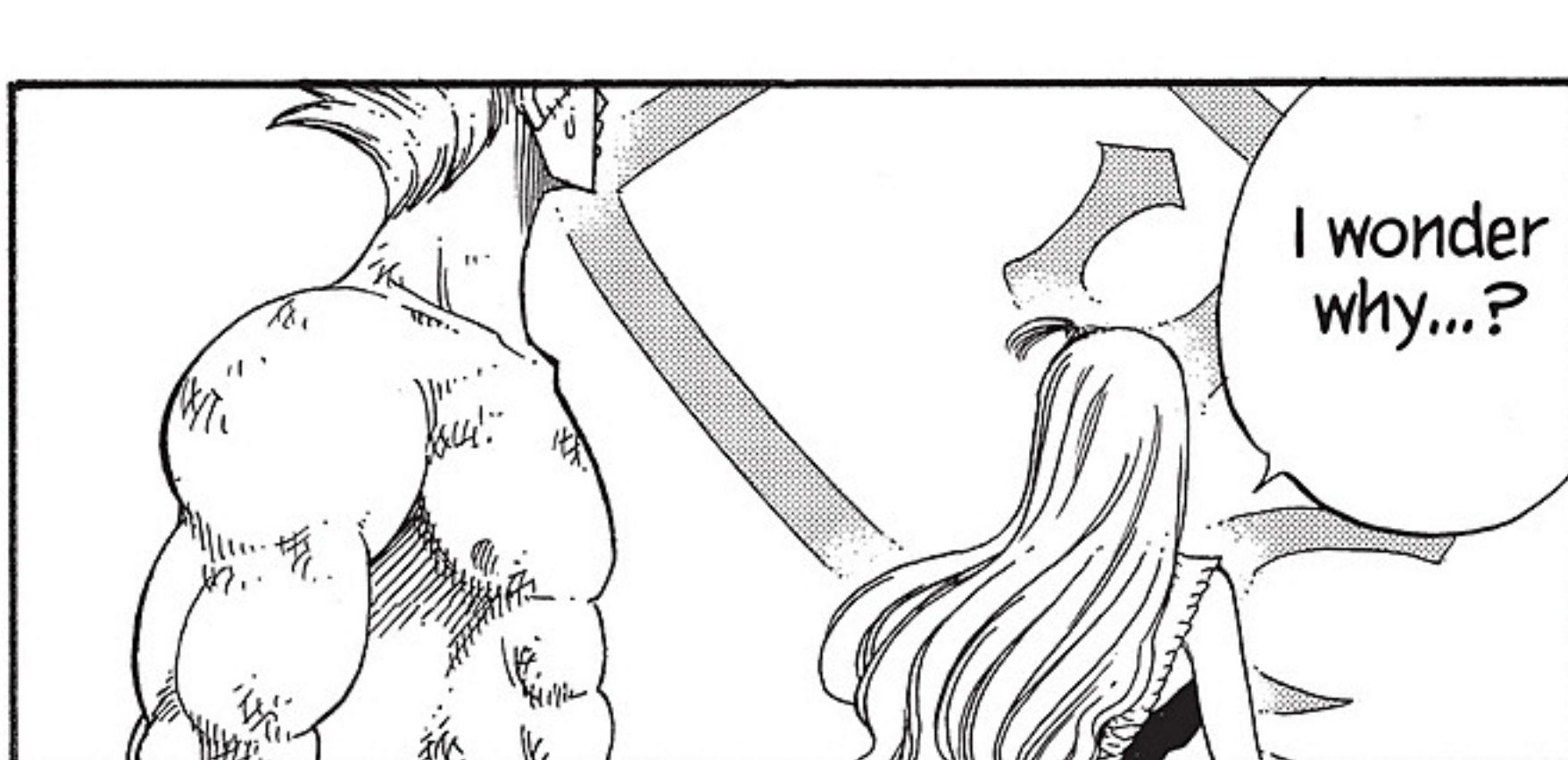
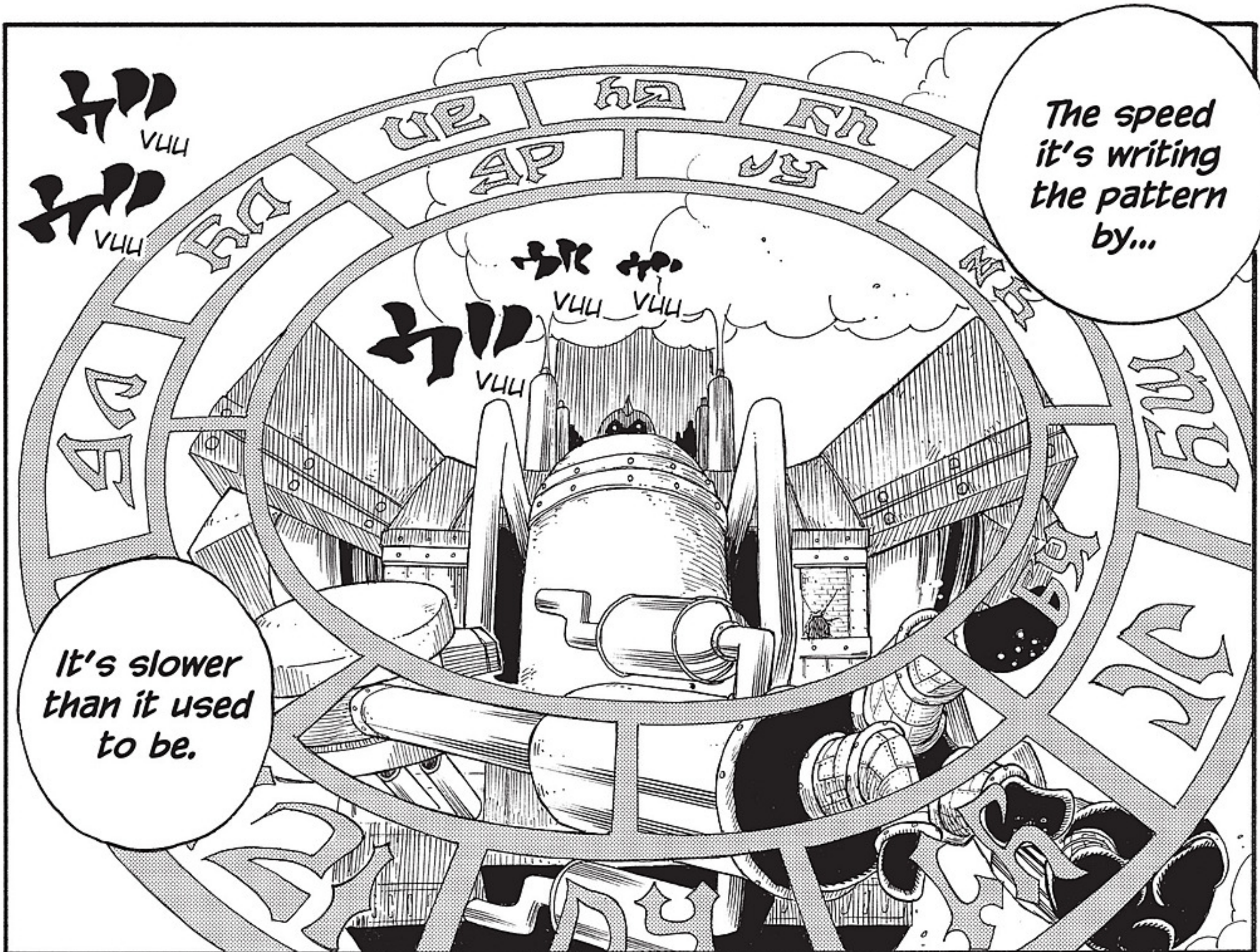
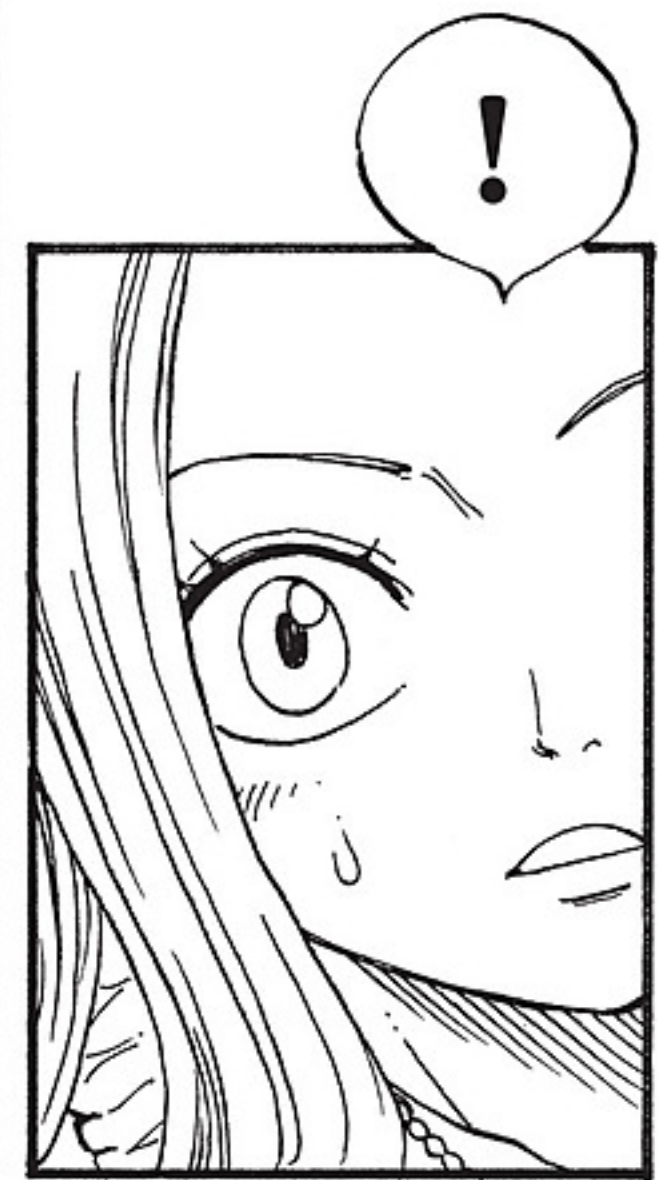
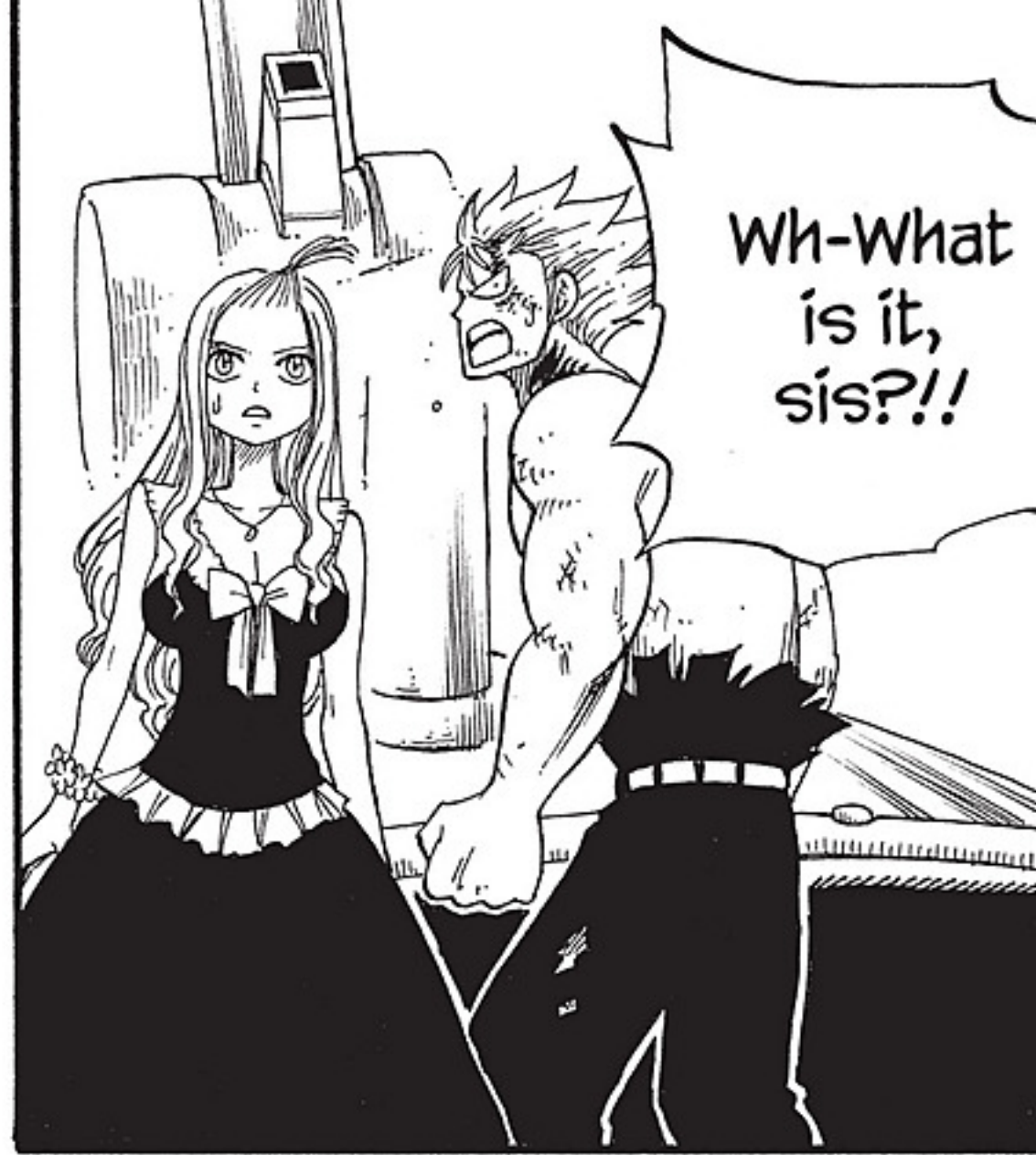
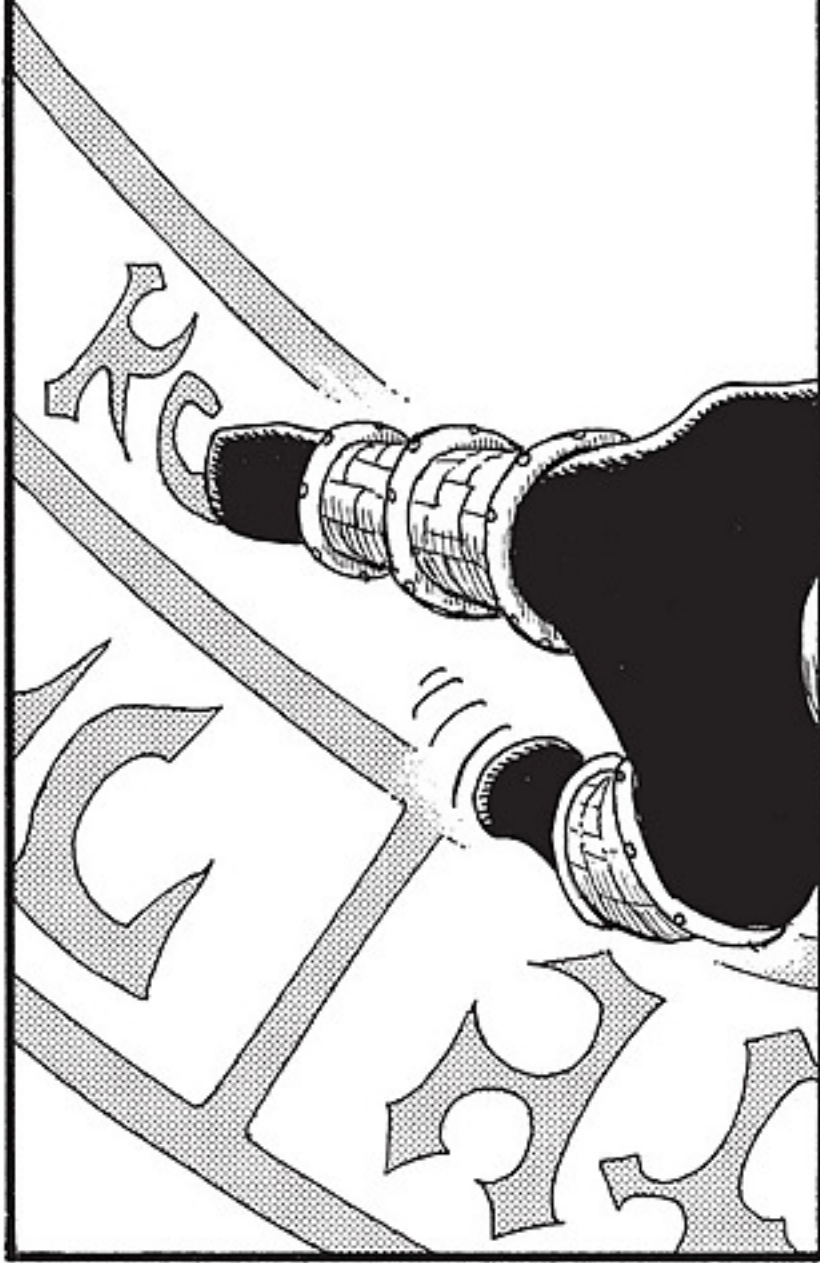
Thank
you,
Elfman.

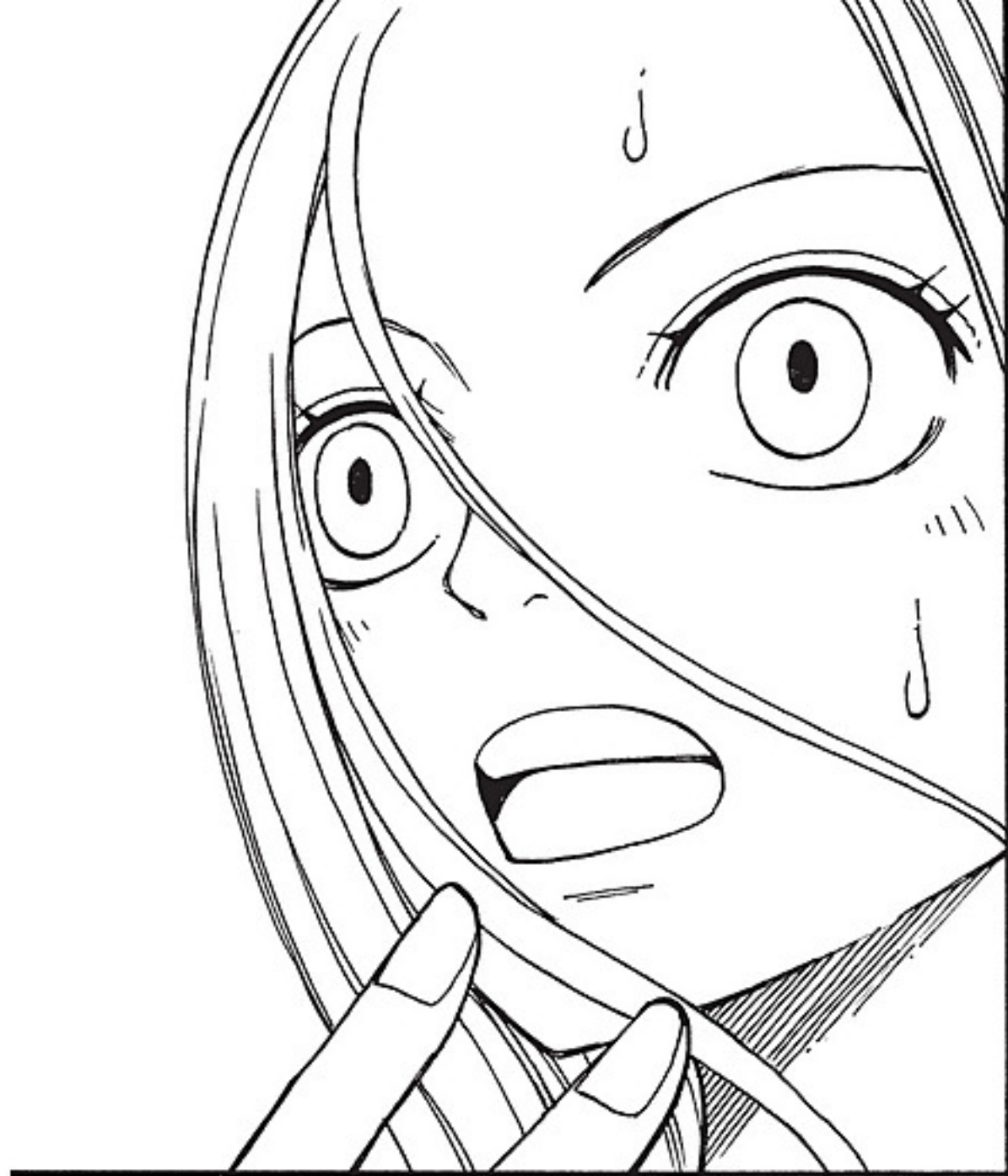


WAAAHH

What
good will
crying do
you?

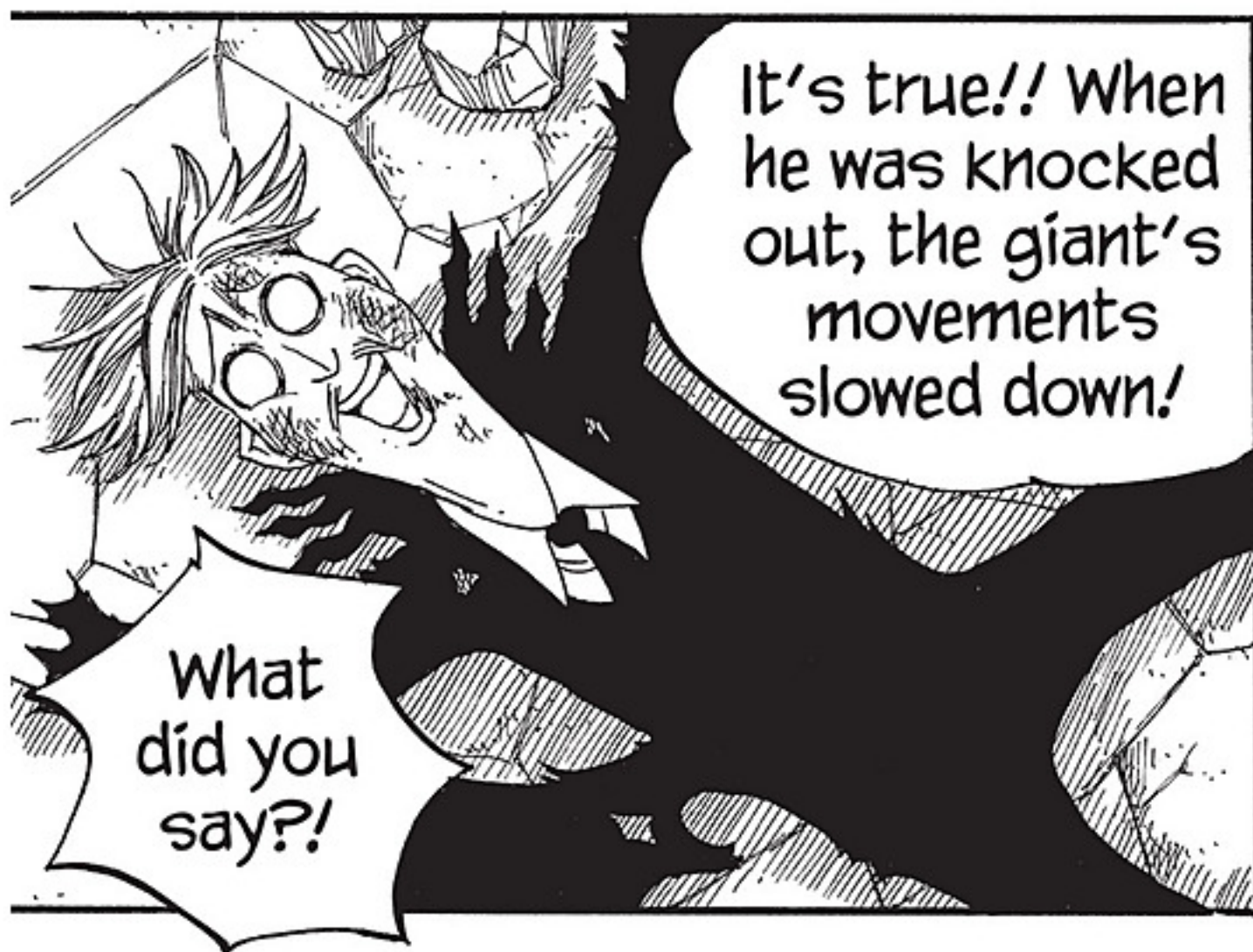
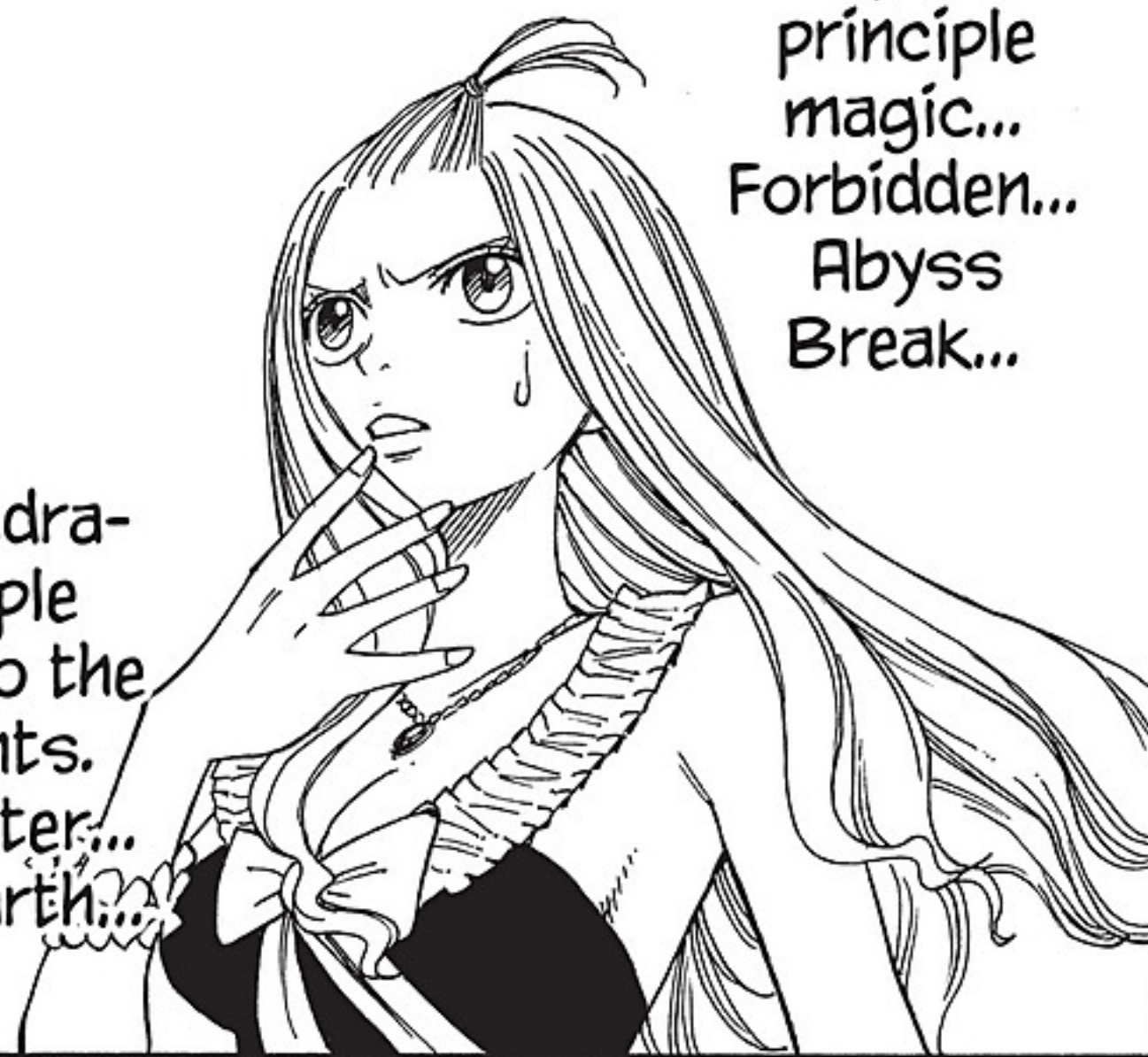
Oh,
come
on!





The quadra-
principle
refers to the
elements.
Fire...water...
wind...earth...

The quadra-
principle
magic...
Forbidden...
Abyss
Break...



It's true!! When
he was knocked
out, the giant's
movements
slowed down!

What
did you
say?!



Eh?!

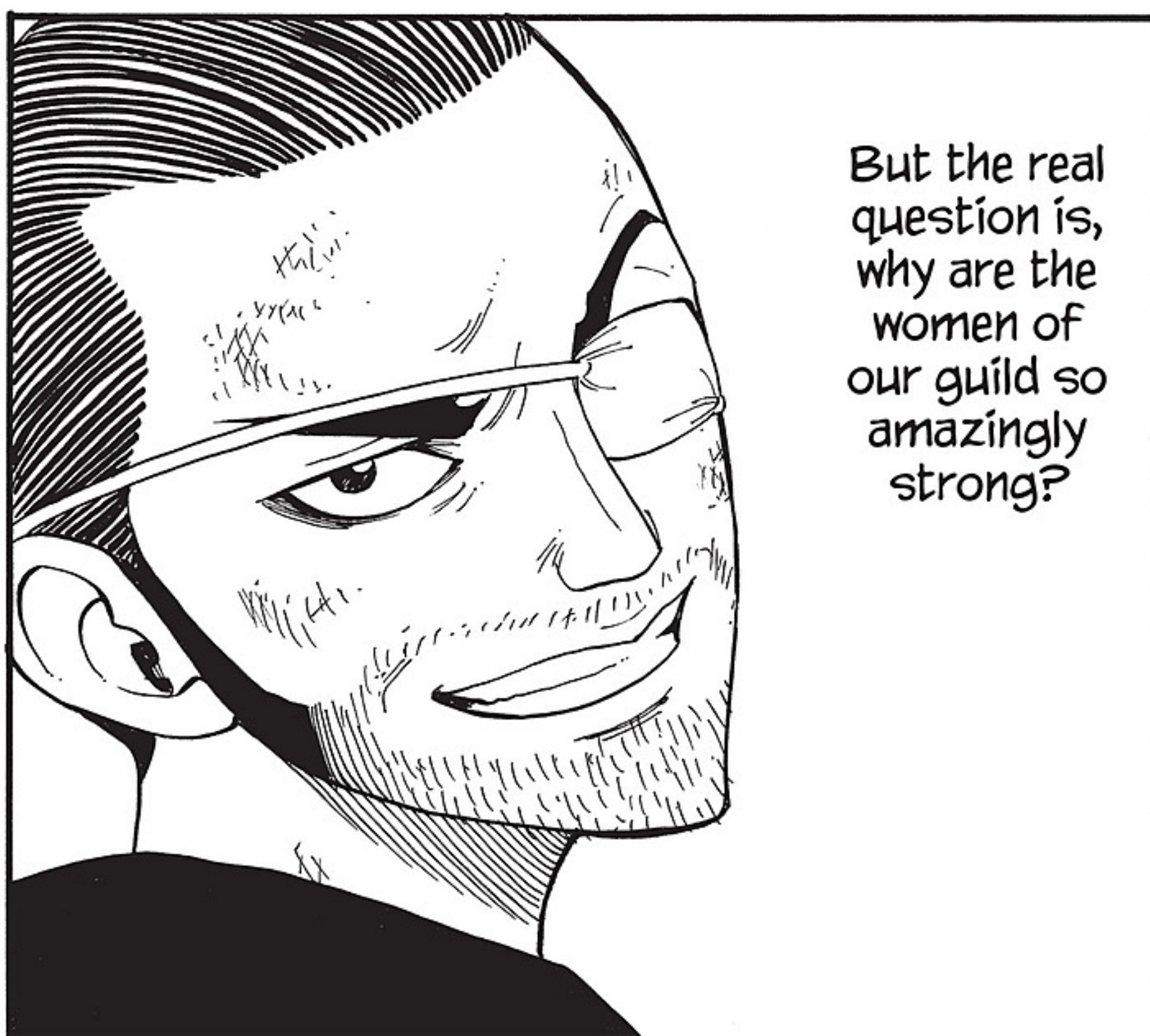
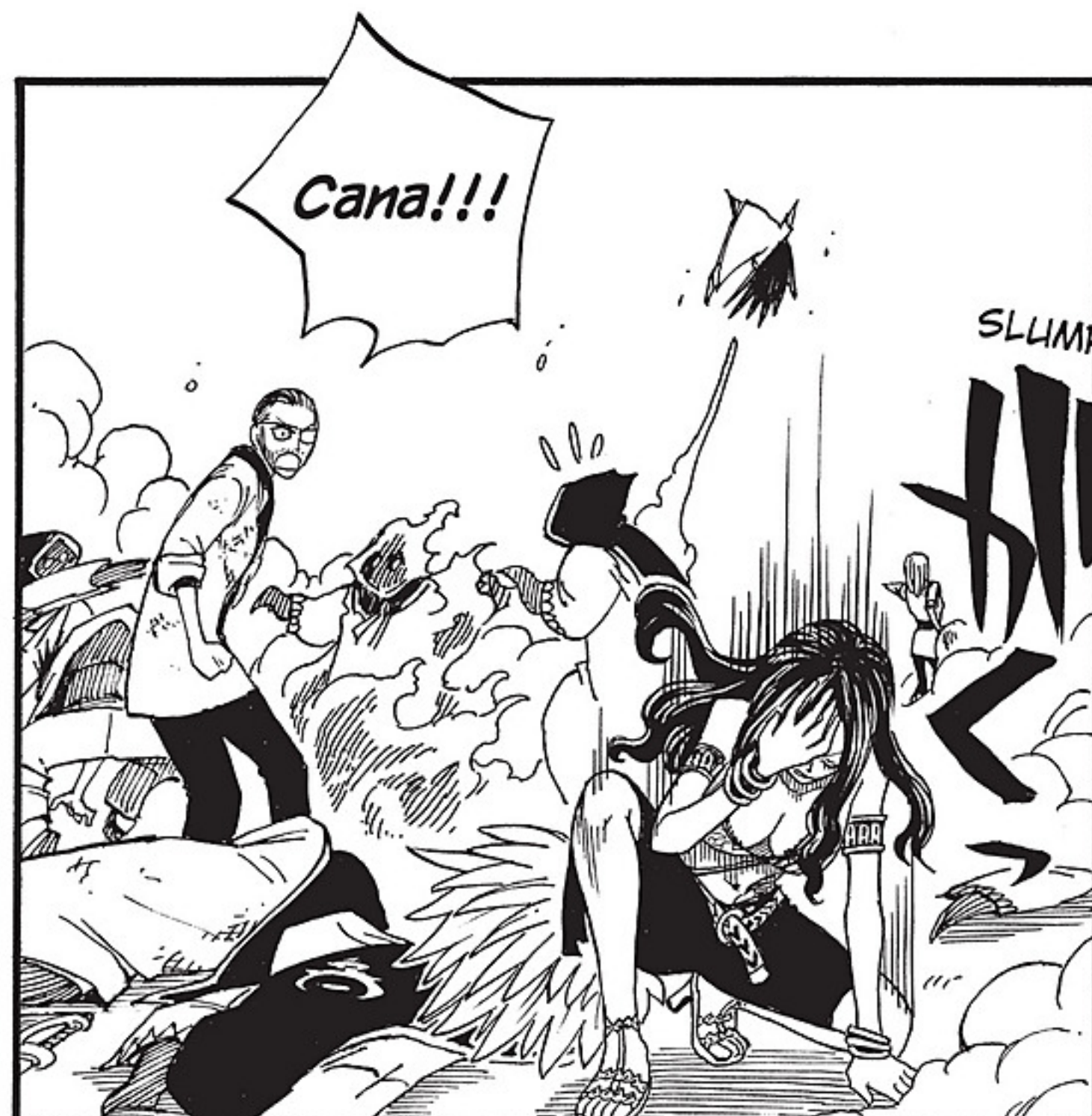
Elfman, how
many of the
Element 4
are left?!!

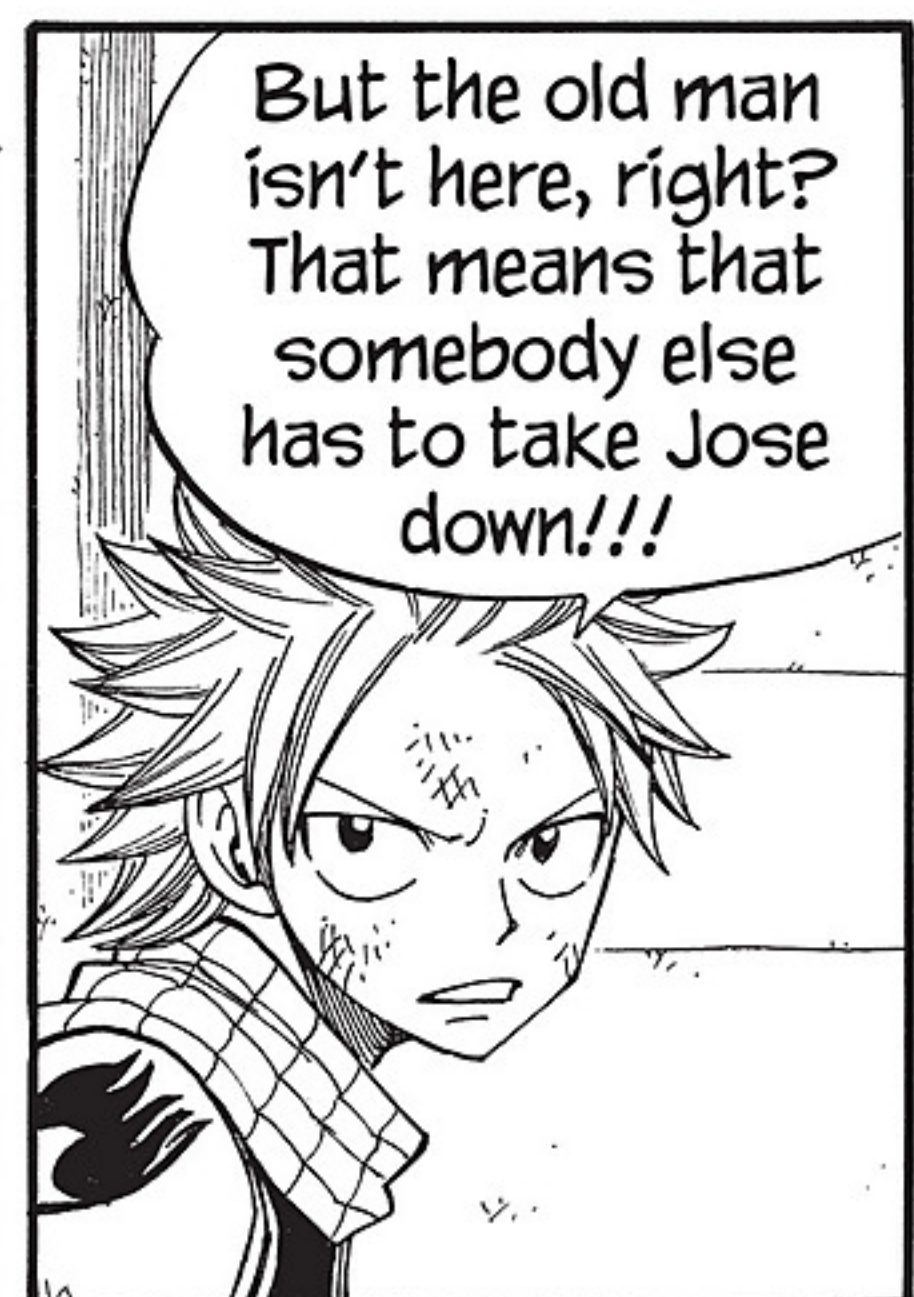
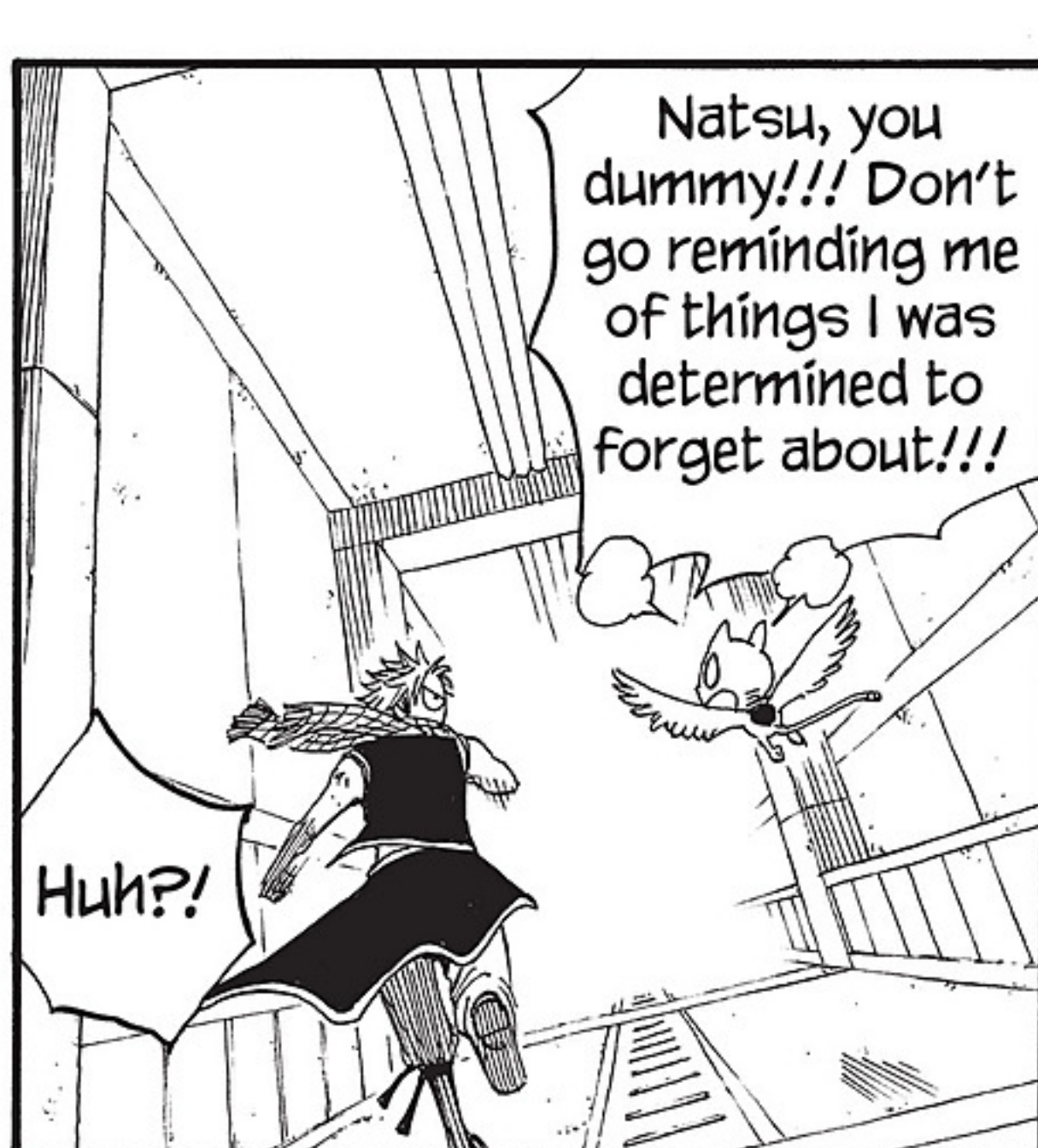
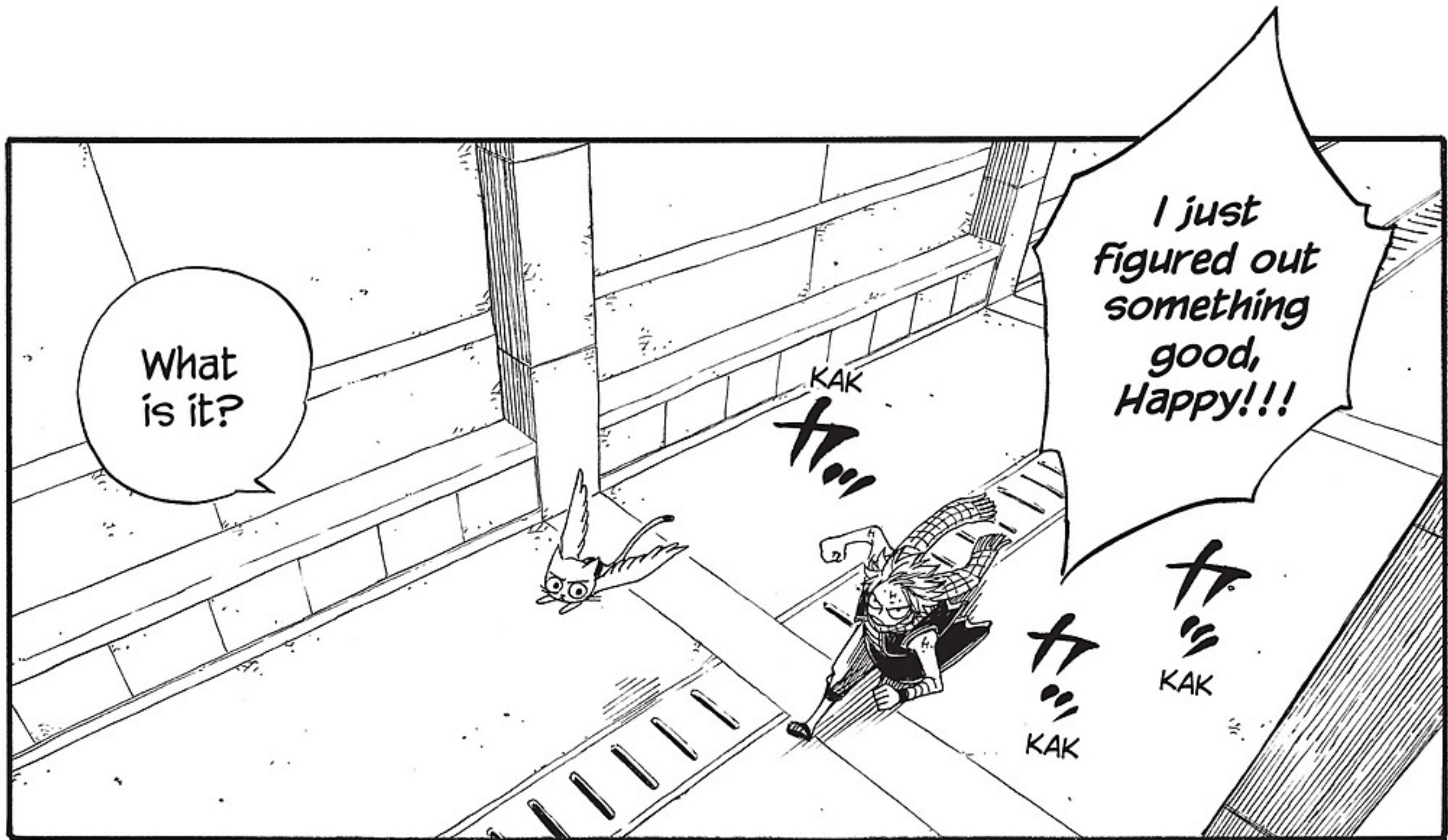
Um...
Two, I
think...

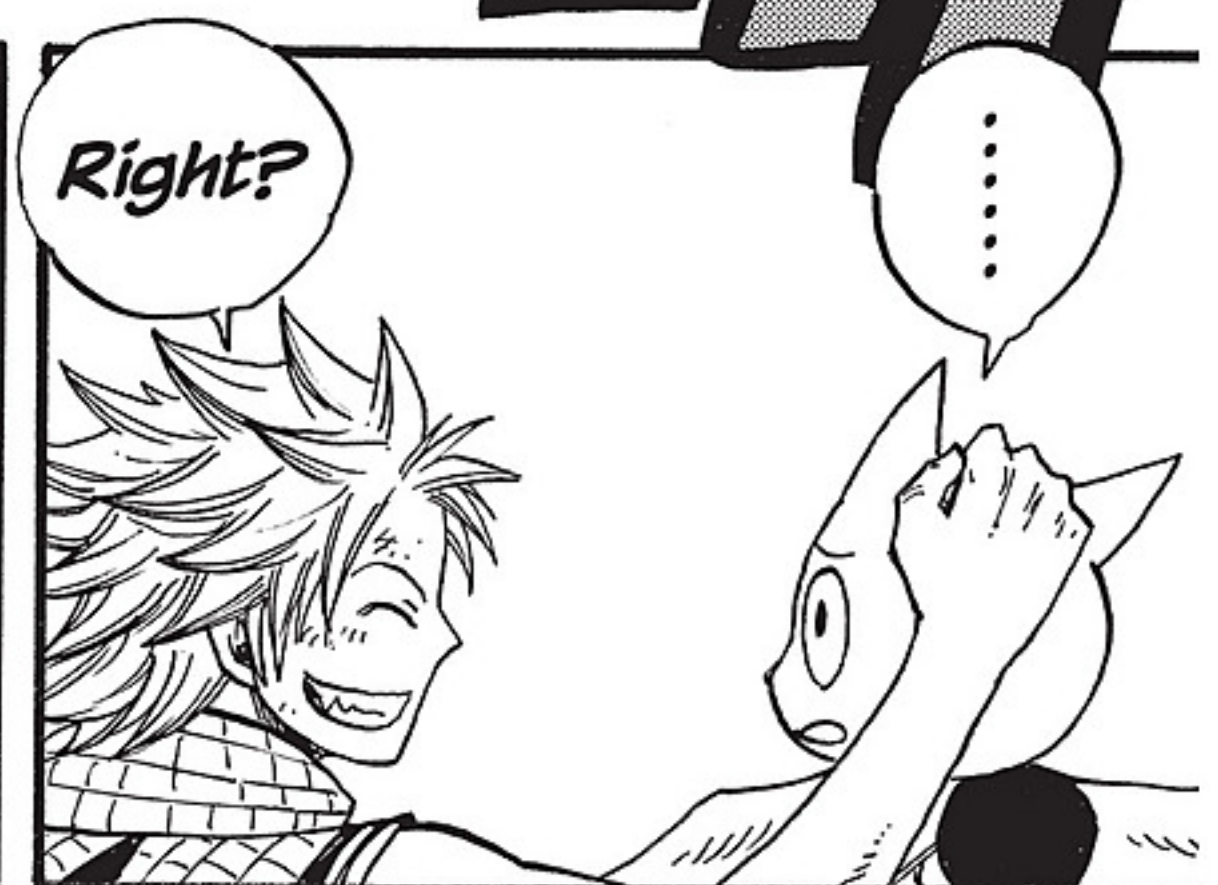
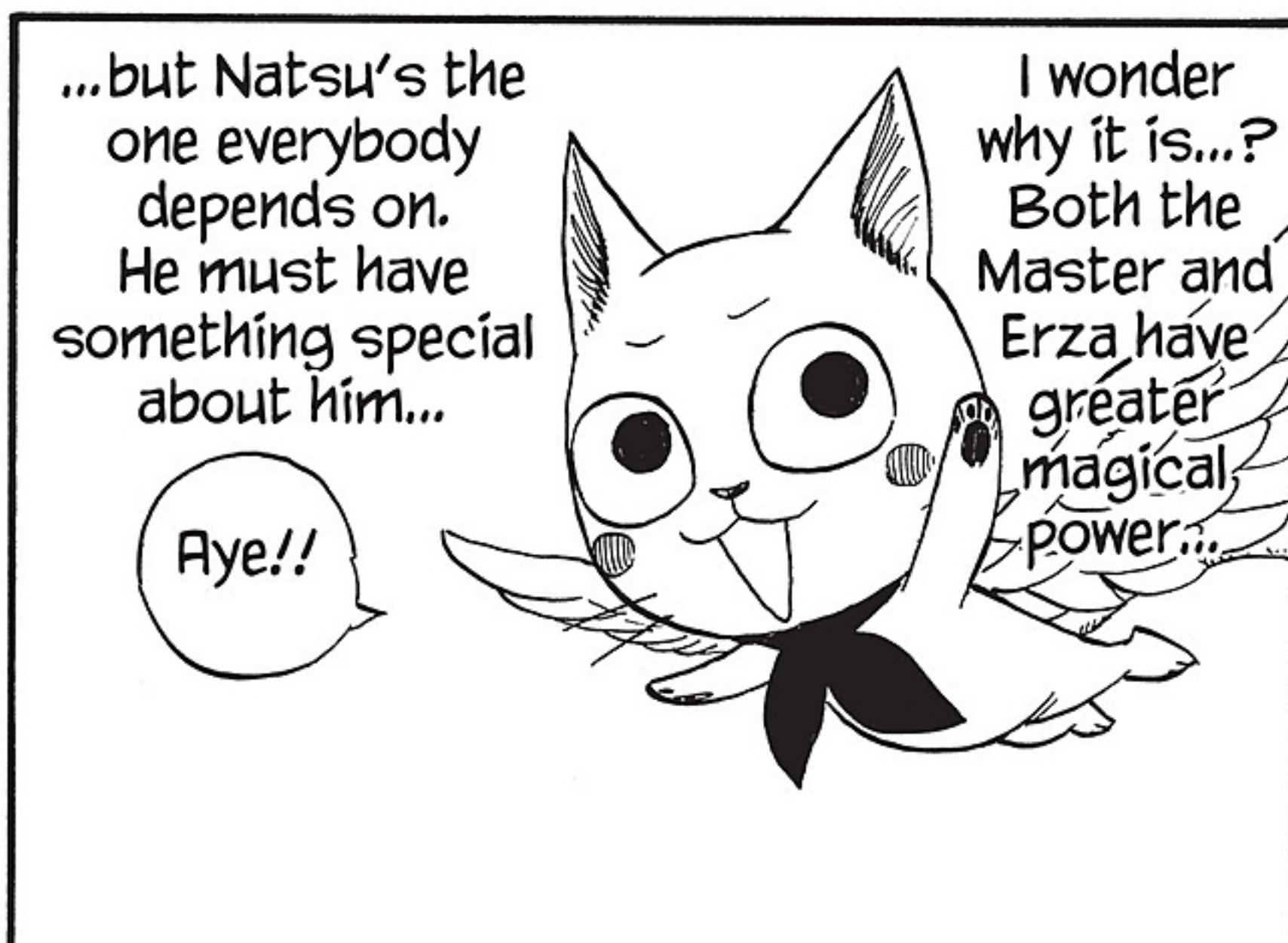
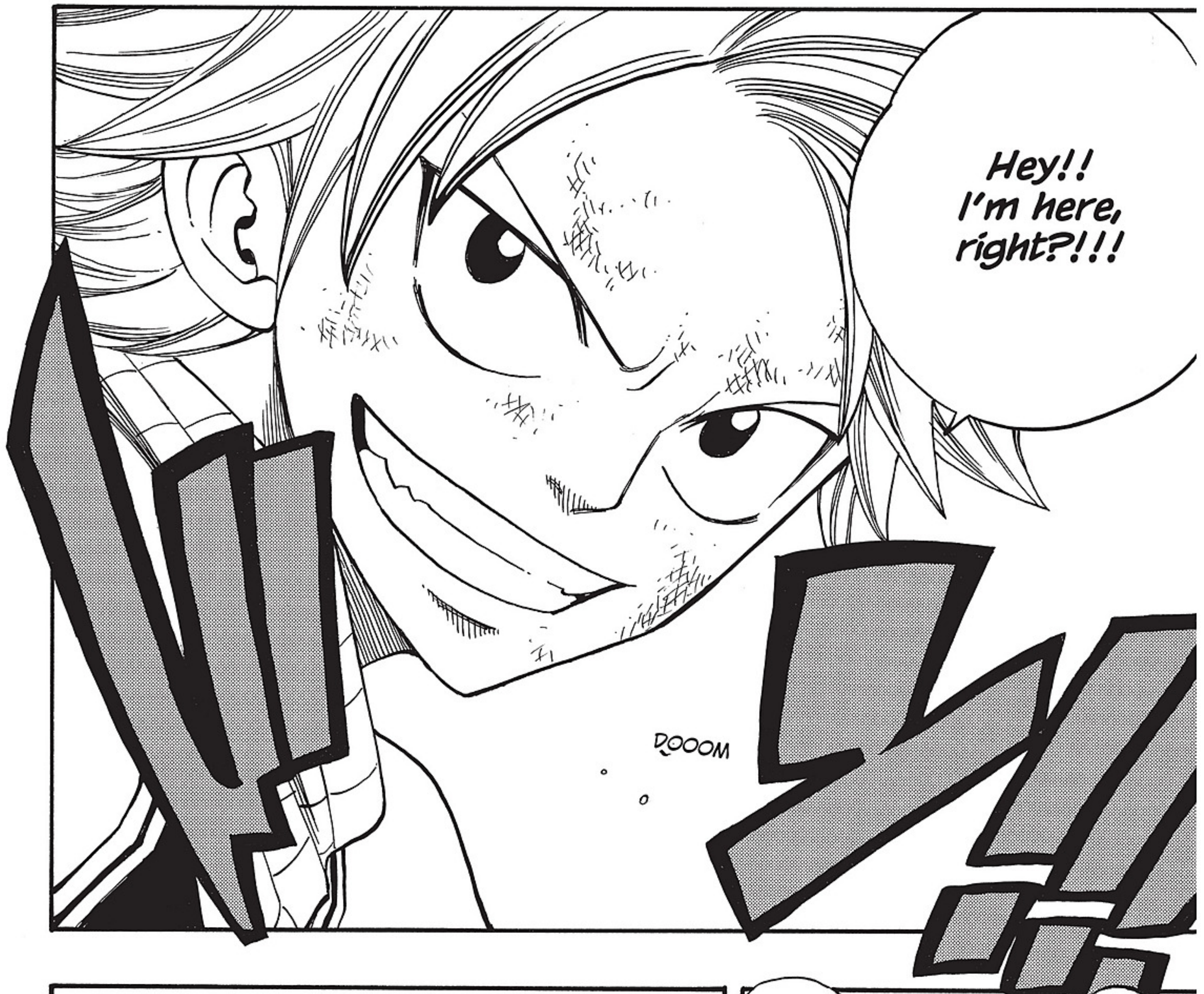


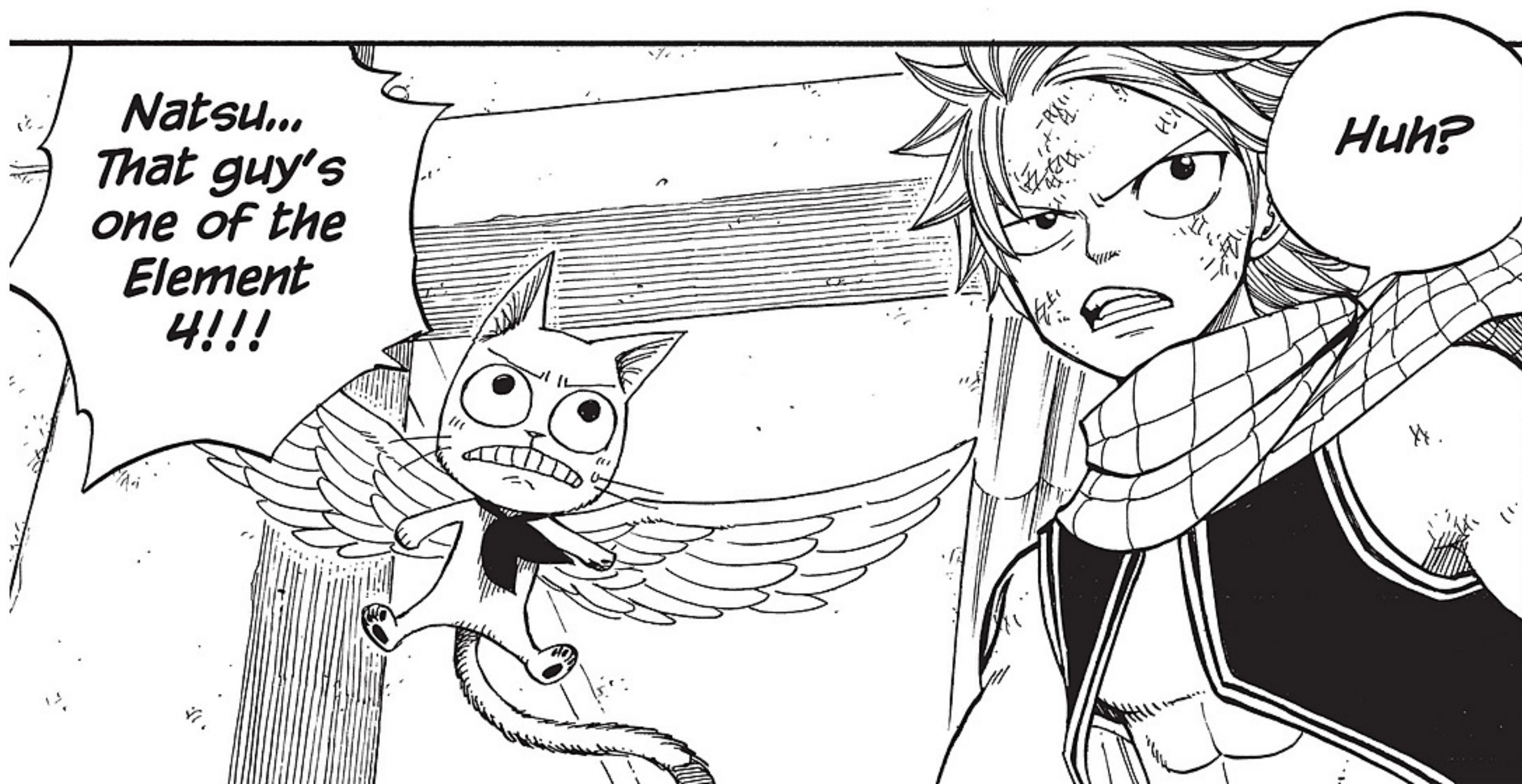
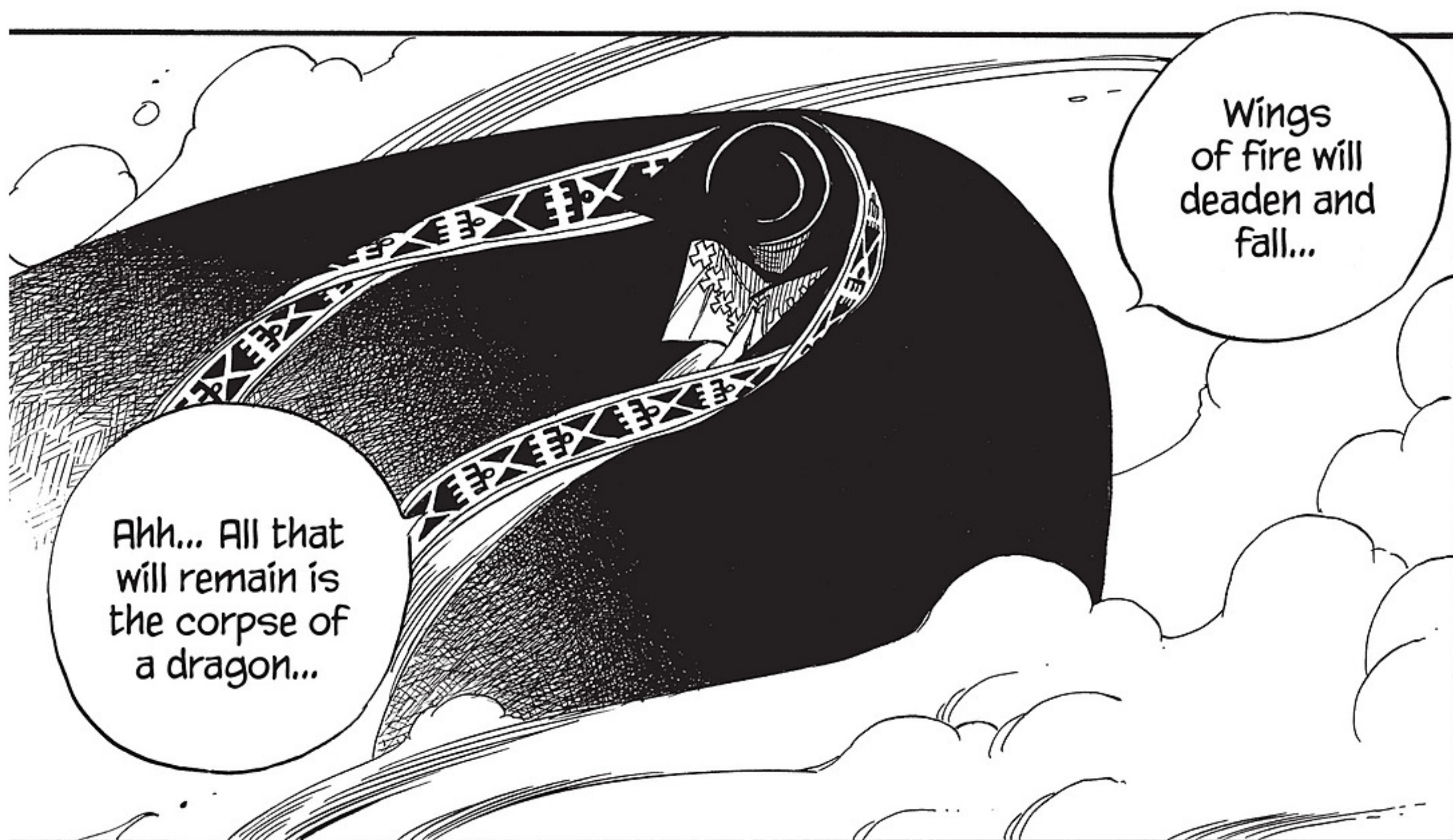
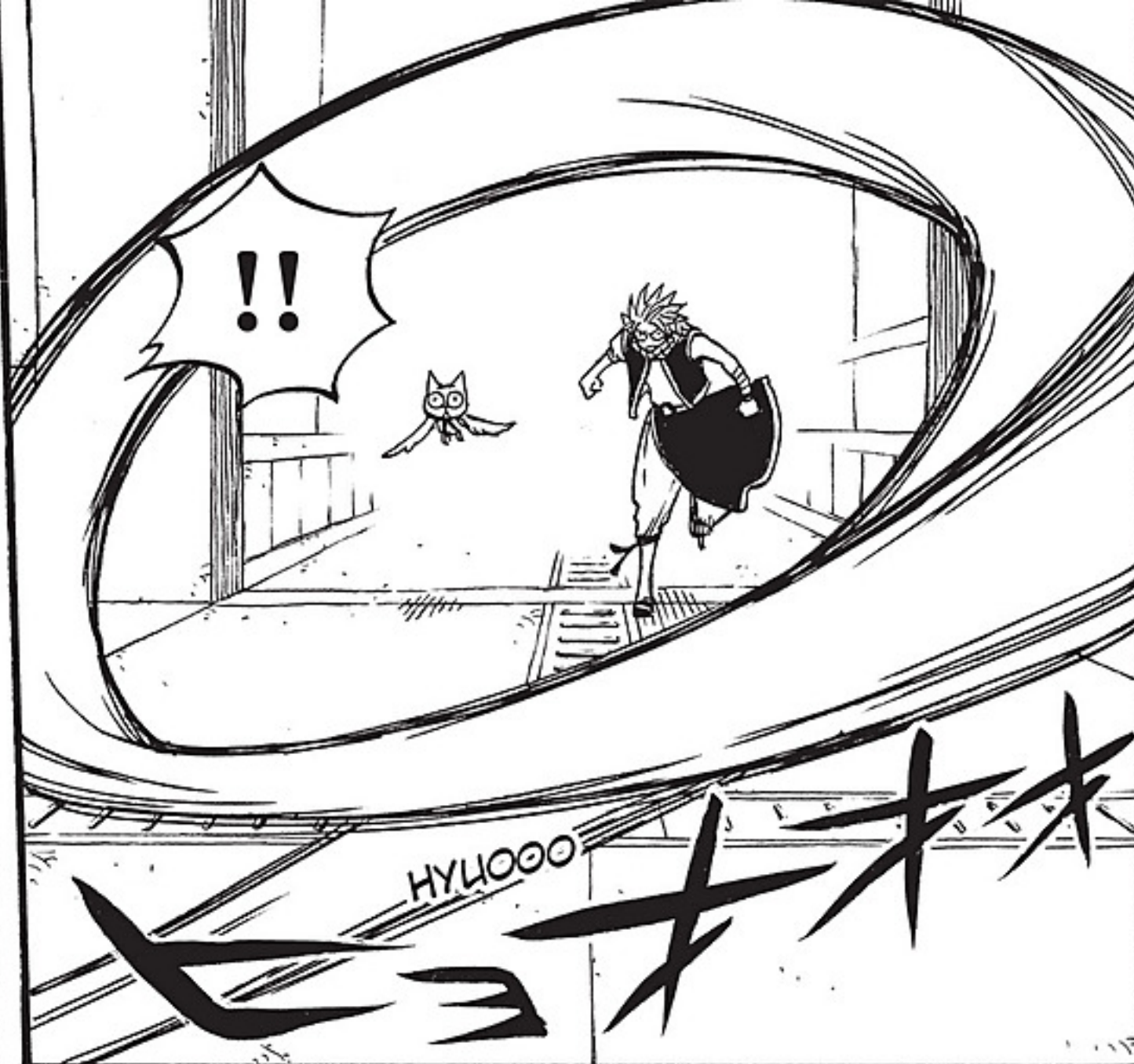
*If we can
defeat all of
the Element 4,
we can keep
that pattern
from being
created!!!!*

*In other
words,
that giant
machine is
powered by
the four
elements!!!*







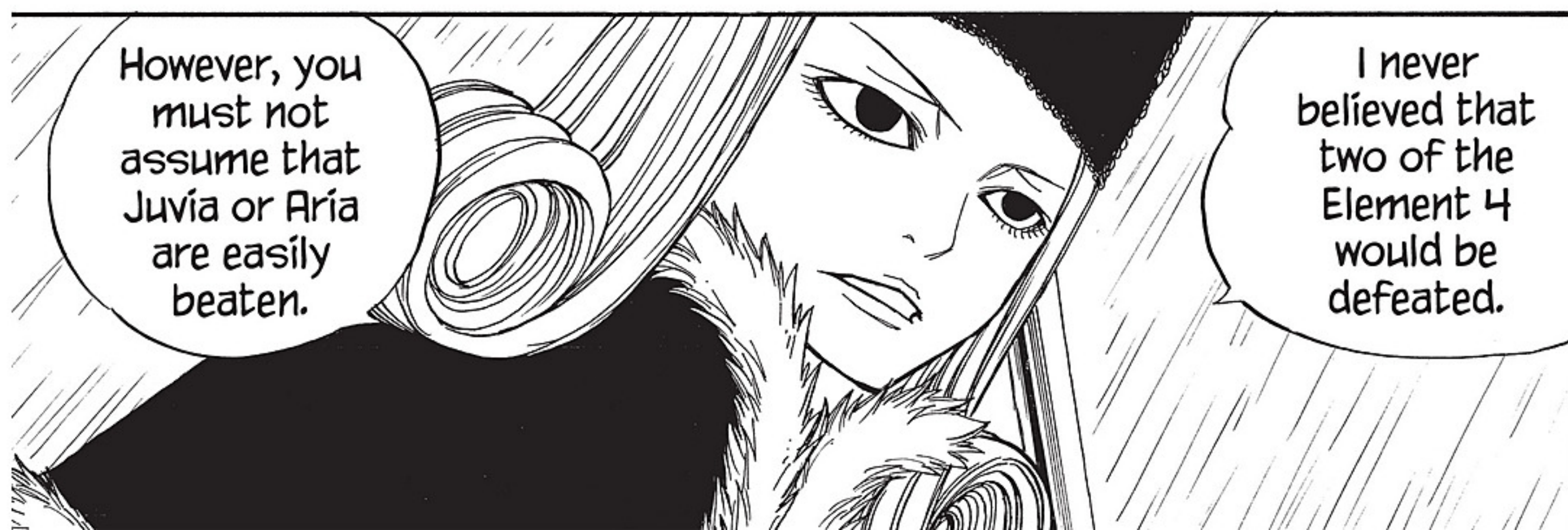




Yes... Juvia
is the rain-
woman of the
Element 4.

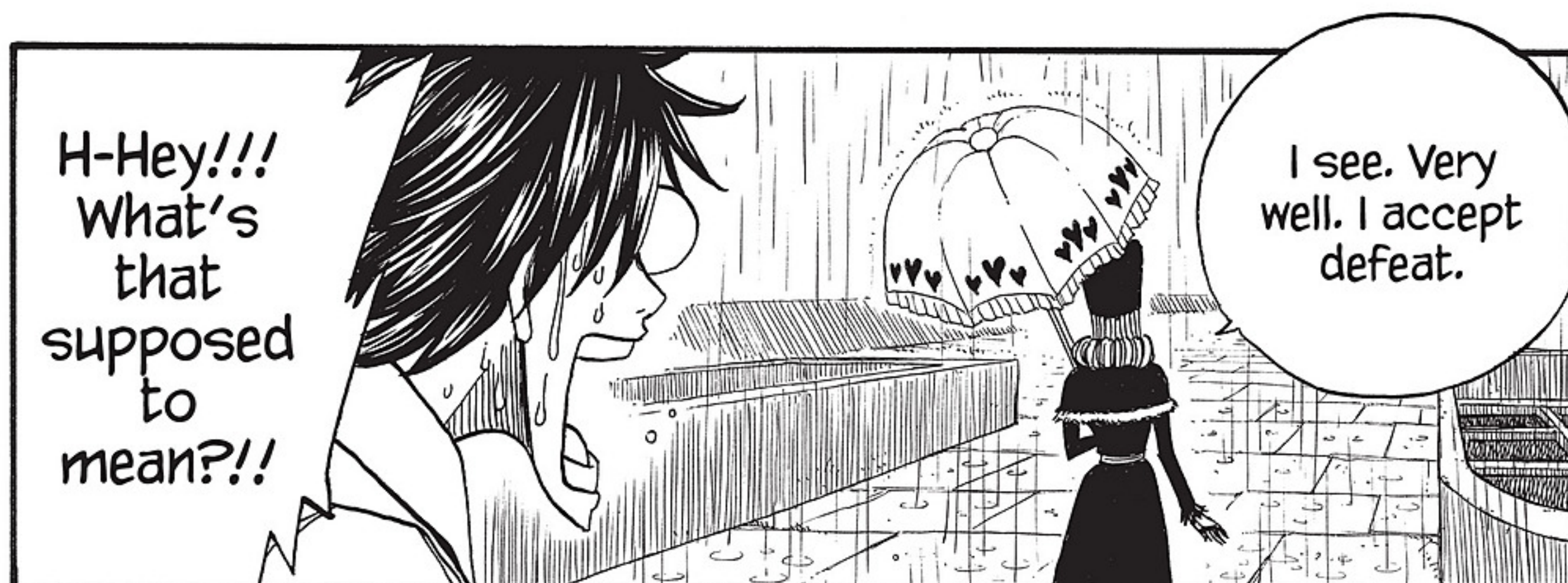
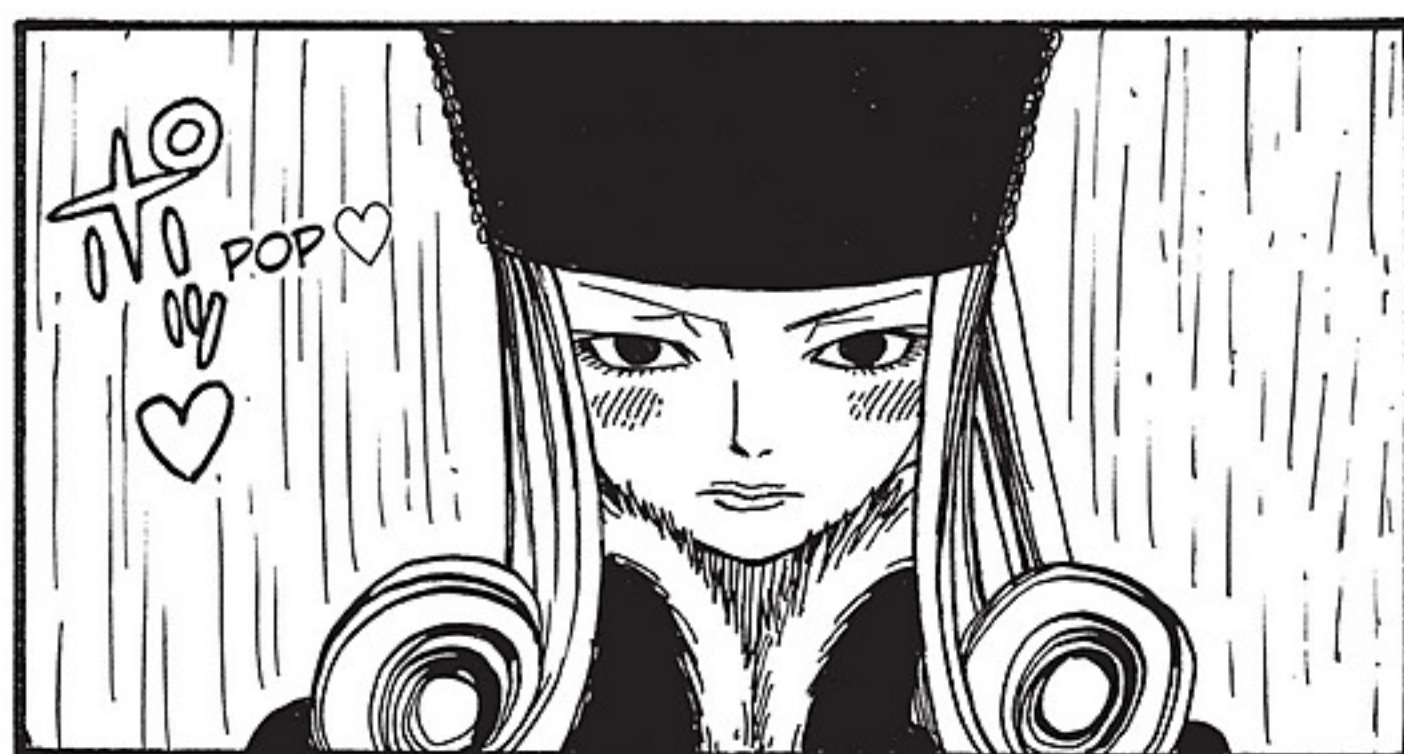
Steady and
gentle...

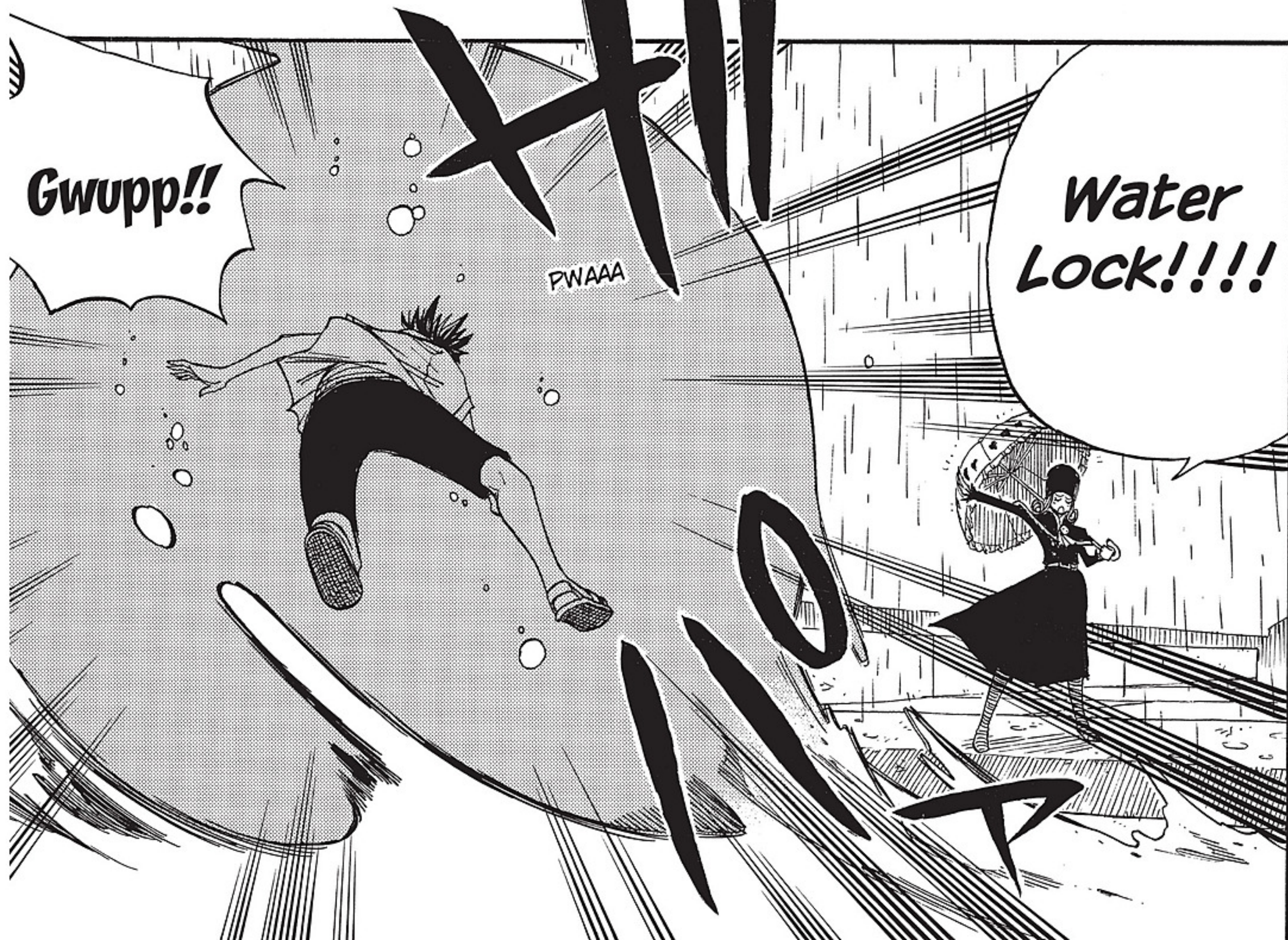
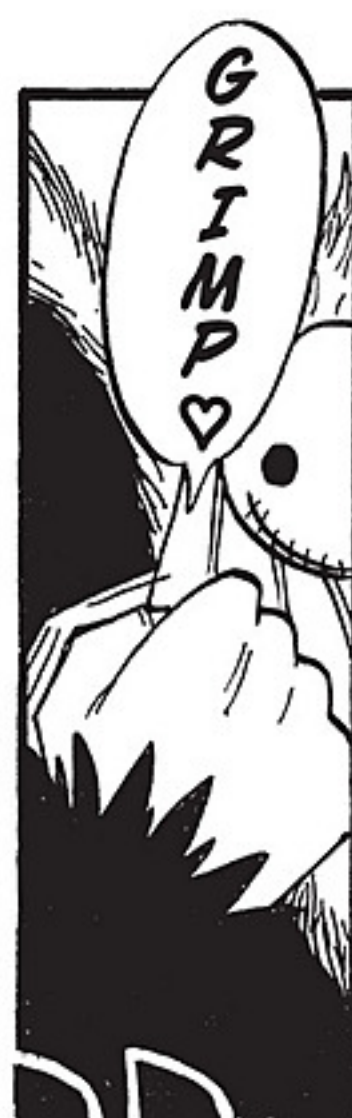
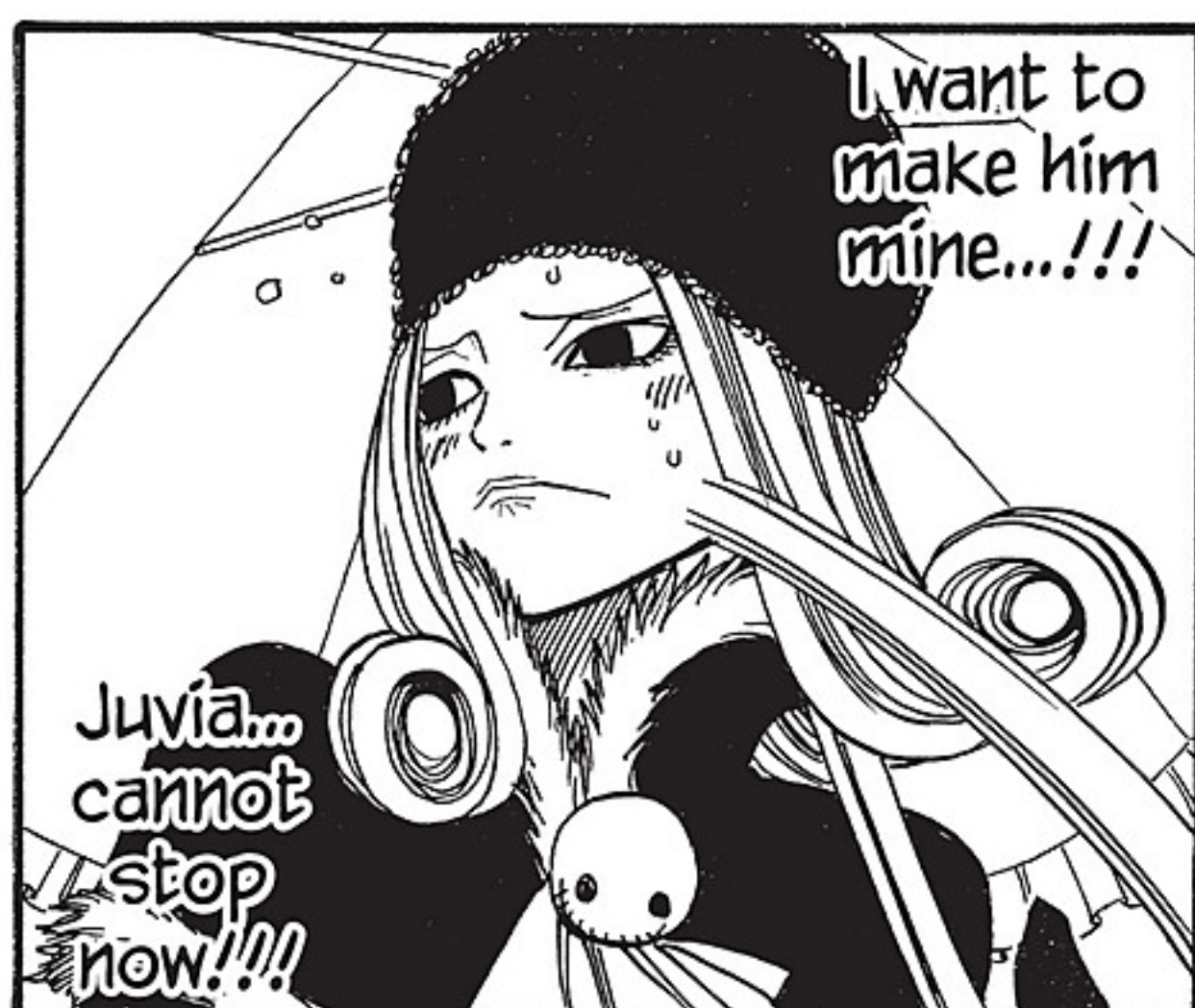
Element 4?



However, you
must not
assume that
Juvia or Aria
are easily
beaten.

I never
believed that
two of the
Element 4
would be
defeated.



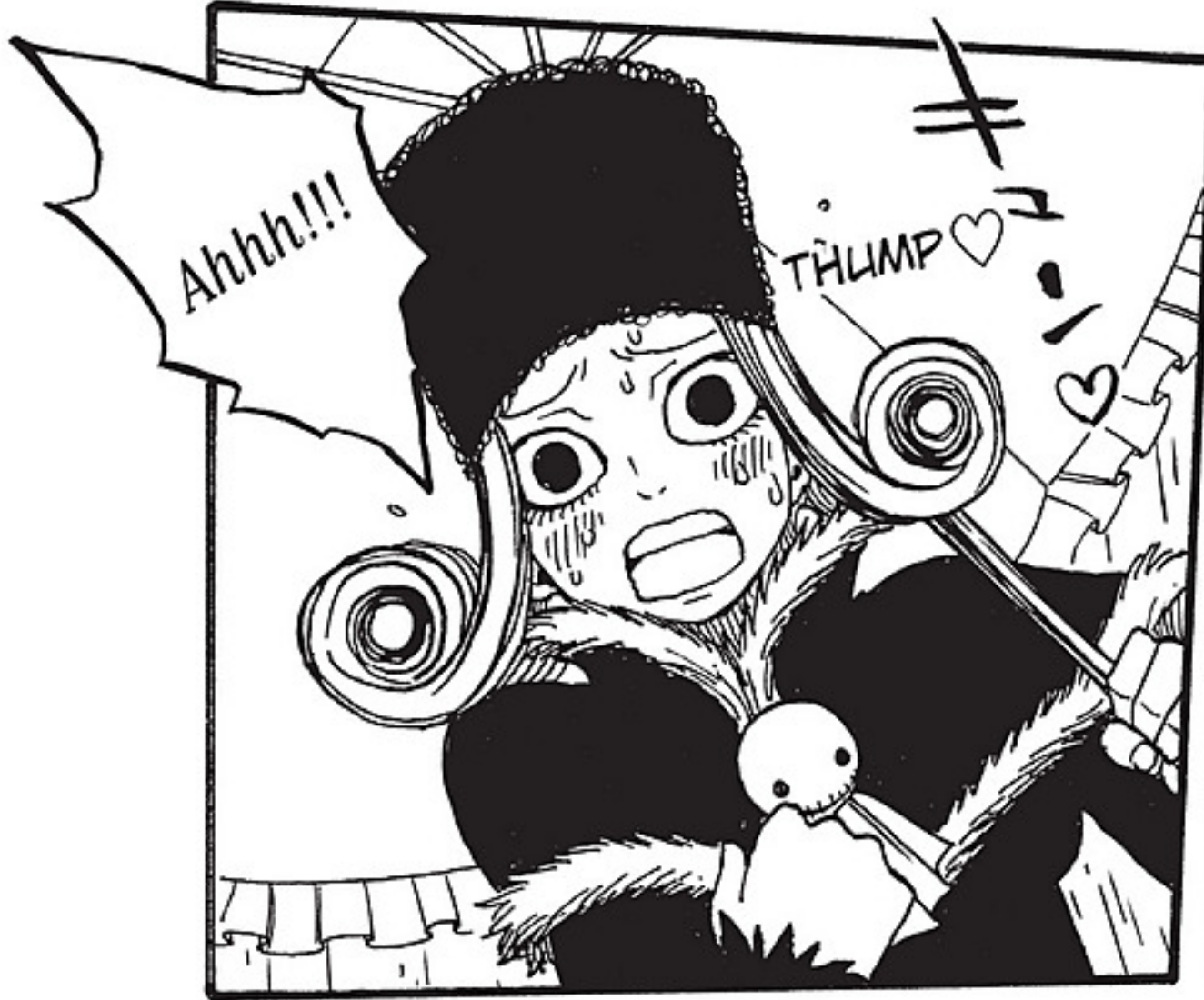
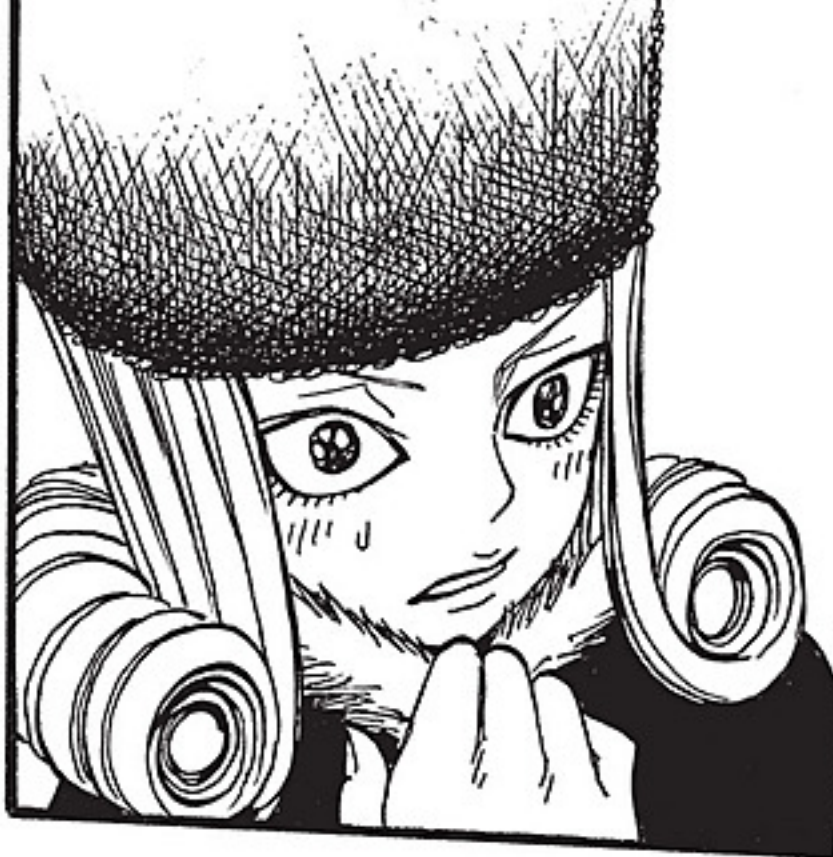


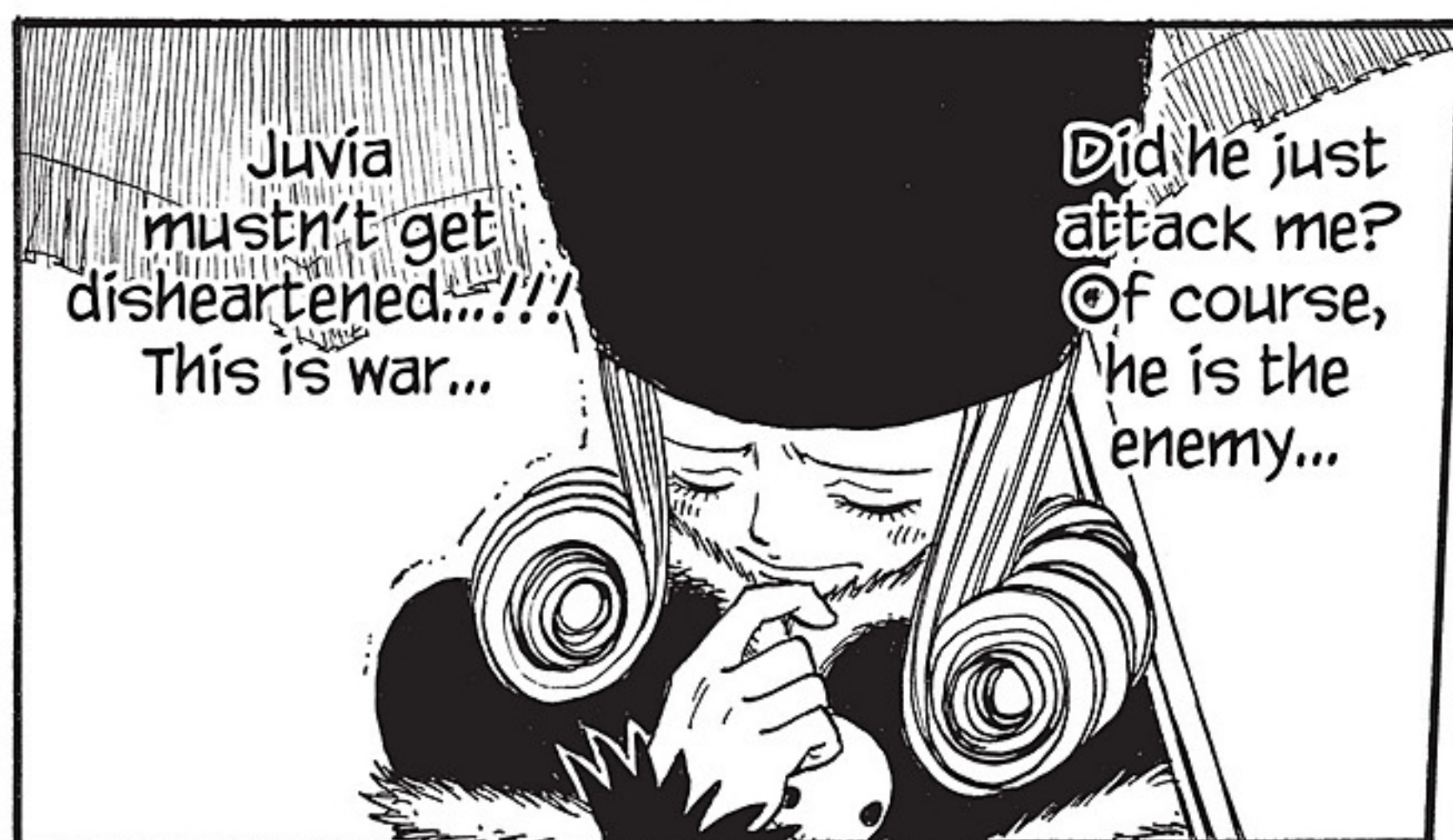


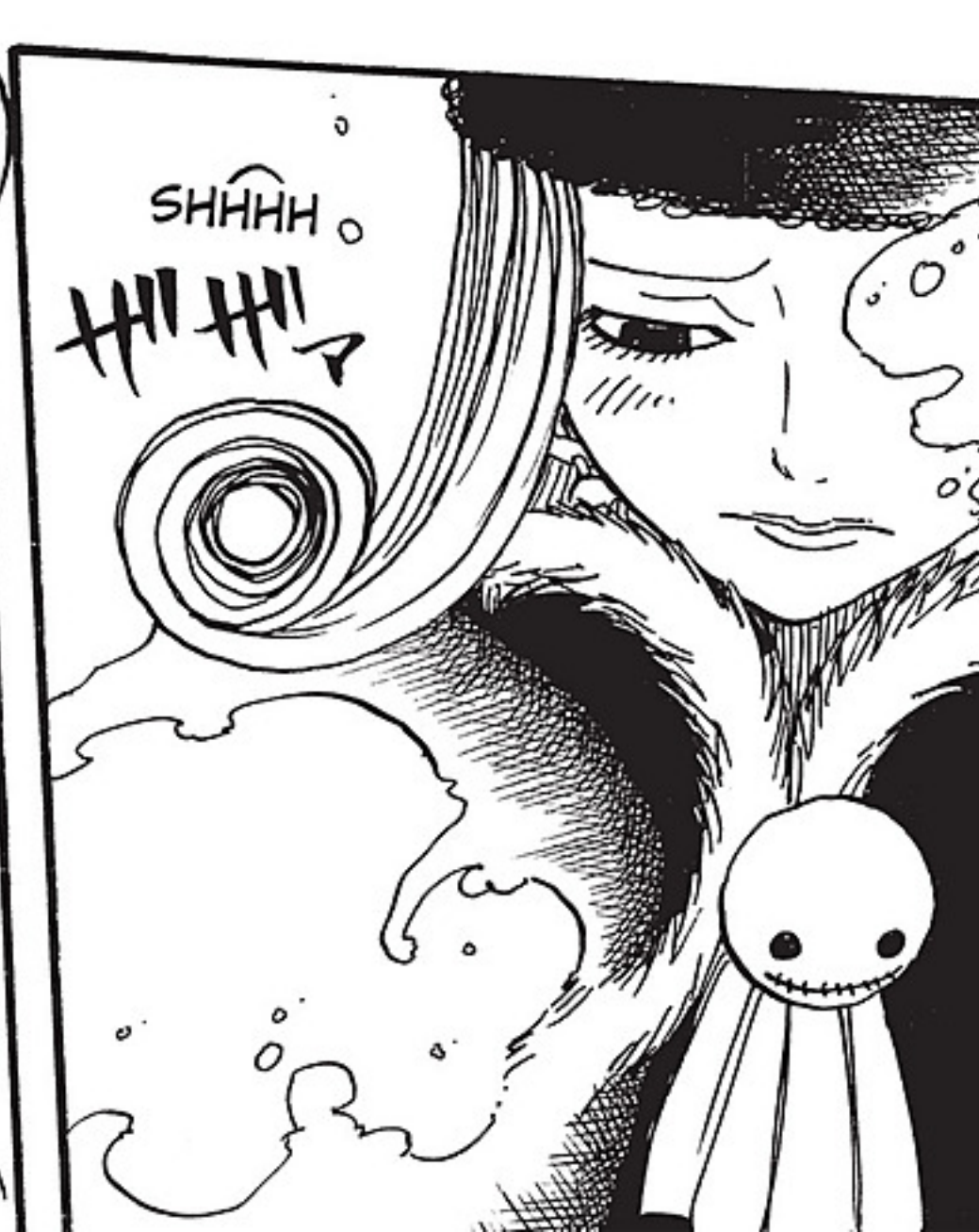
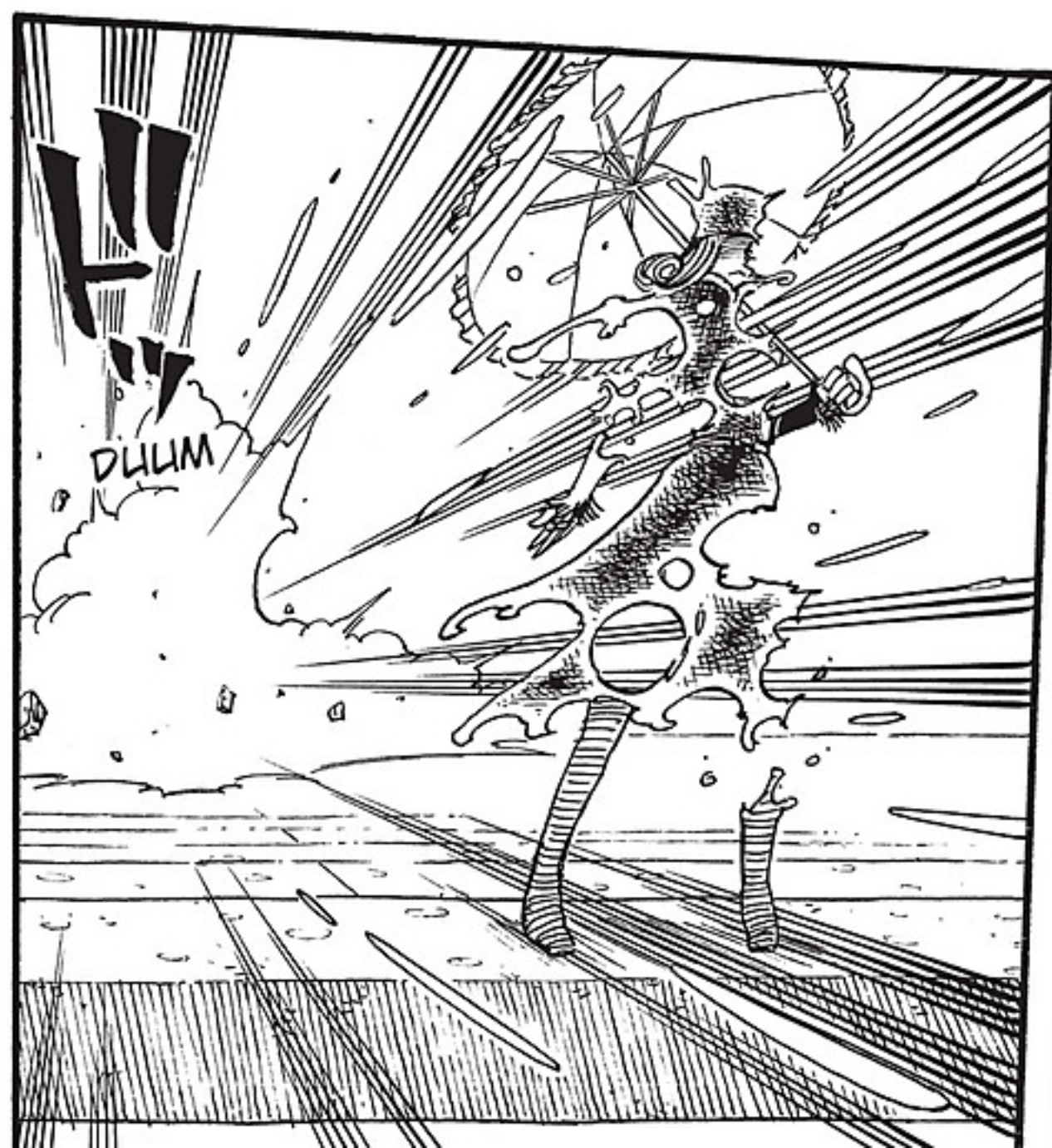
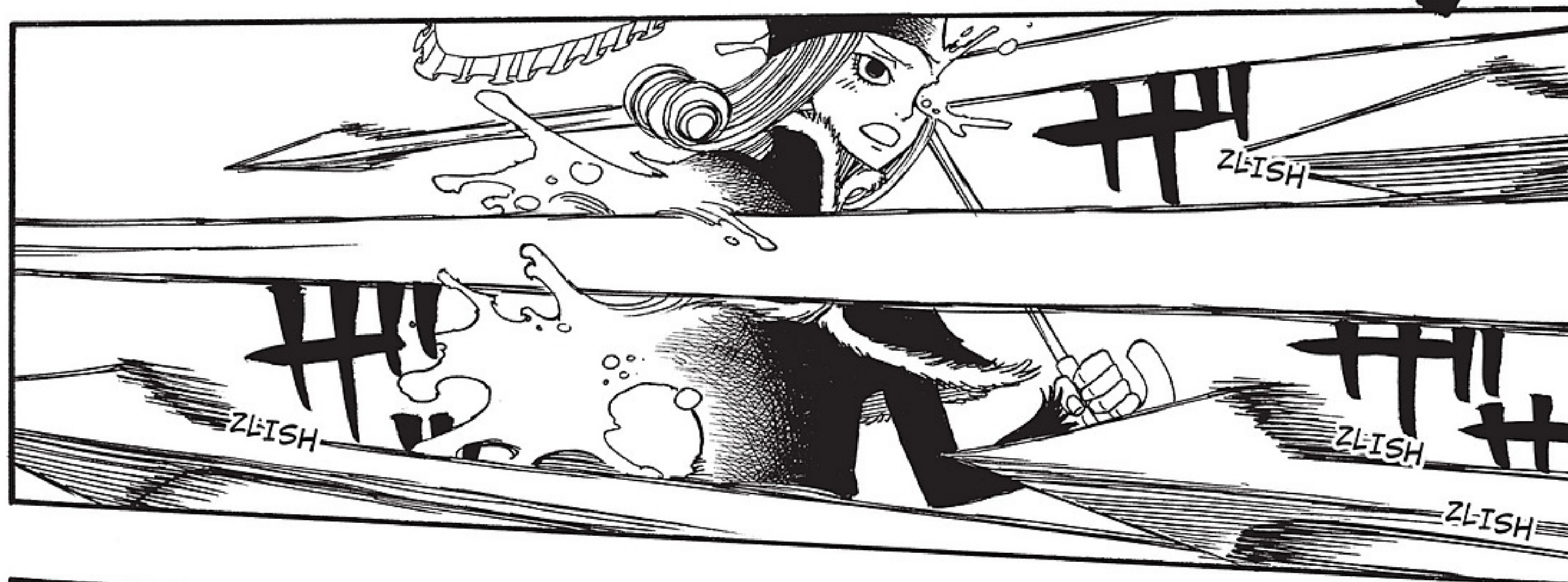
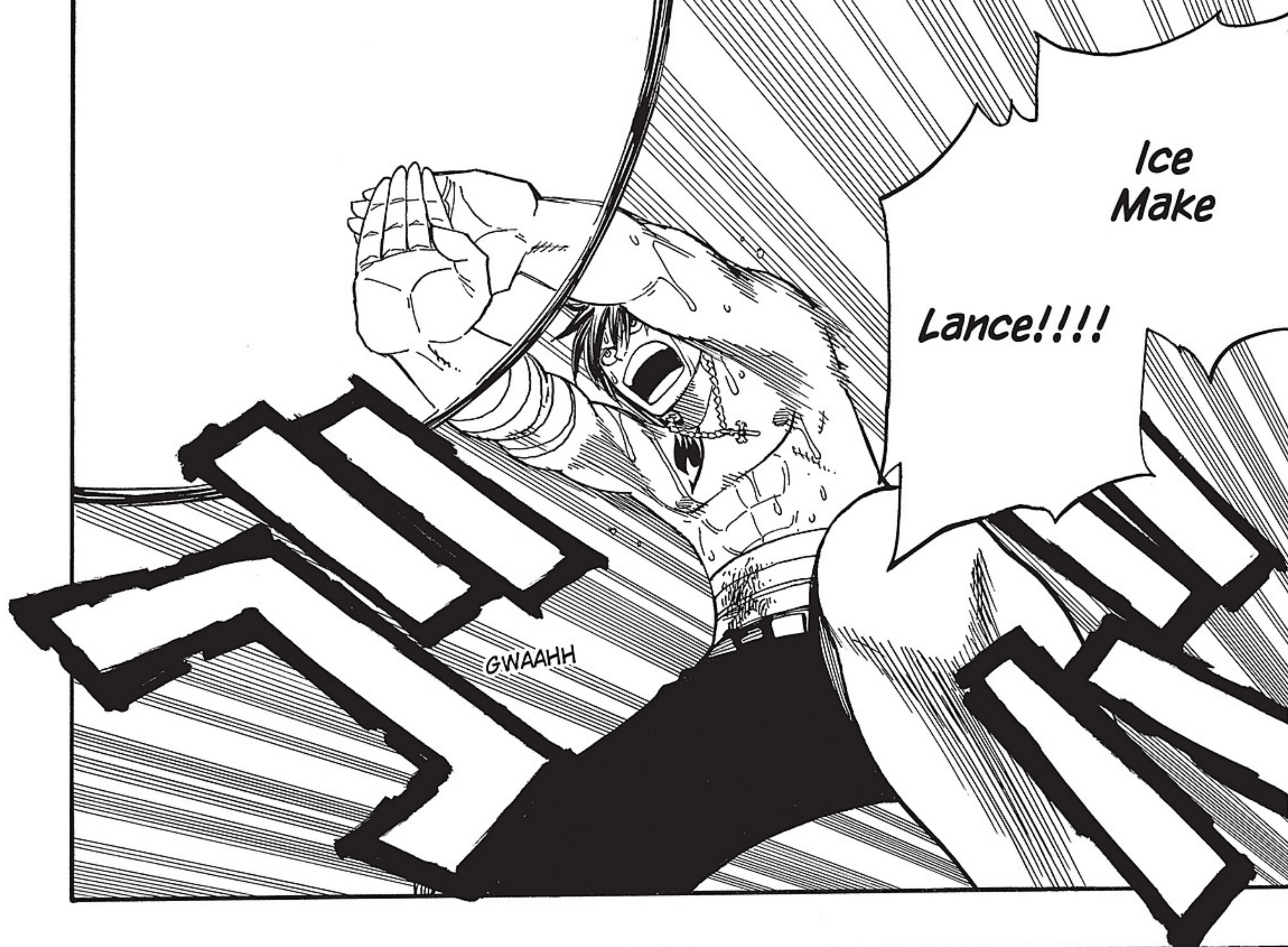
He and I... Ice and water... Could it possibly be... fate?!!

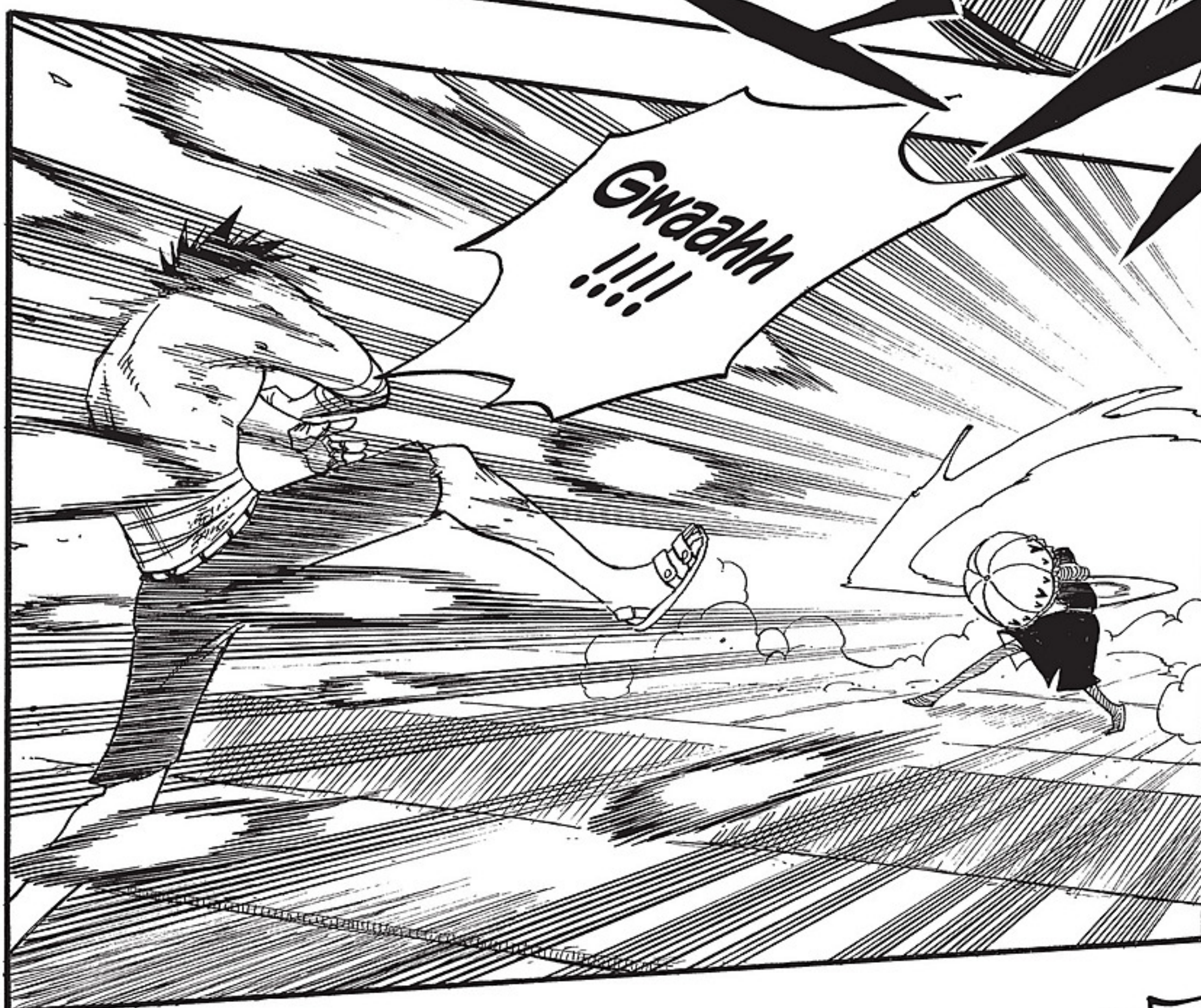


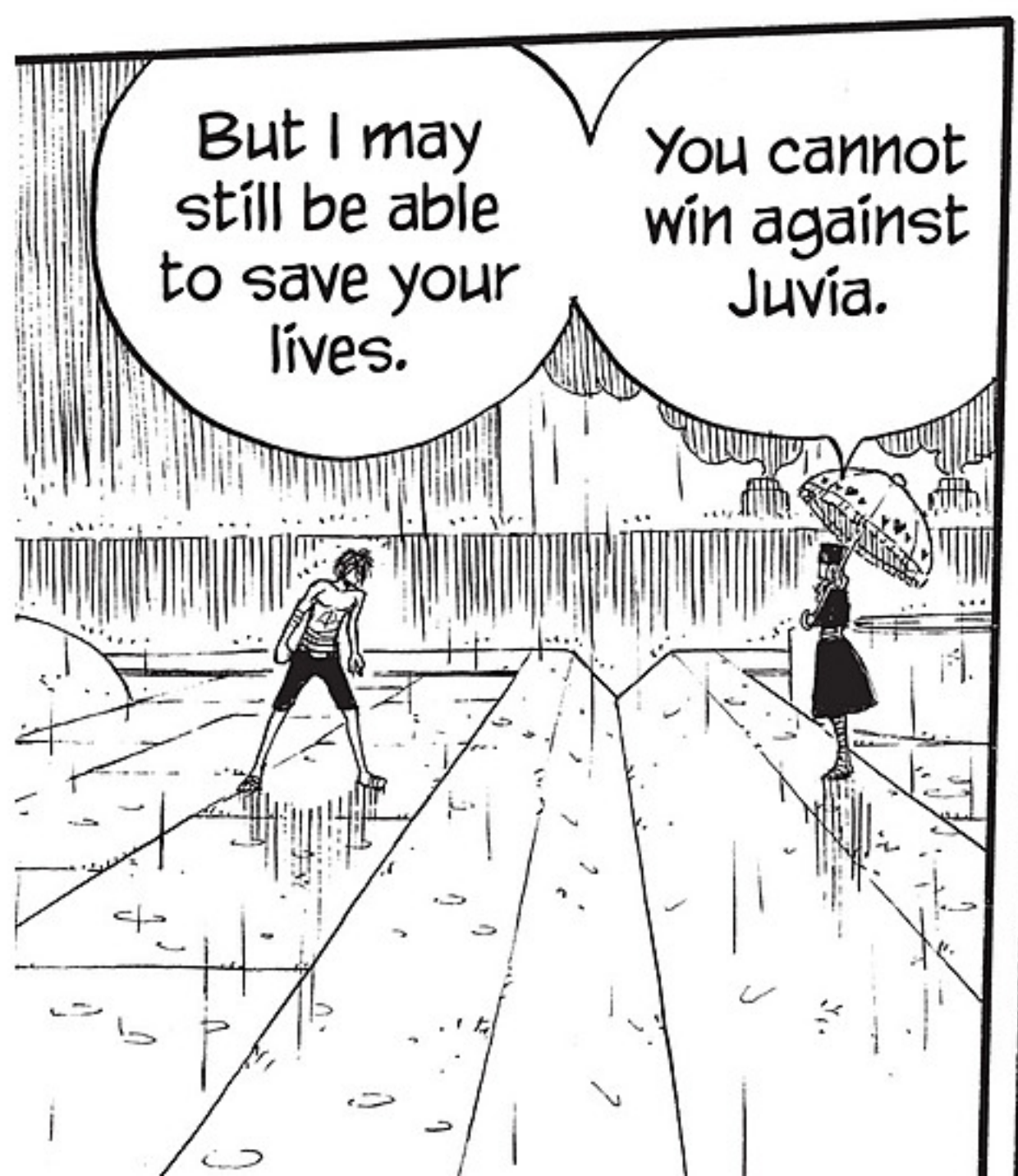
He froze it and broke it apart... Juvia thought that her water lock could never be broken...!!!



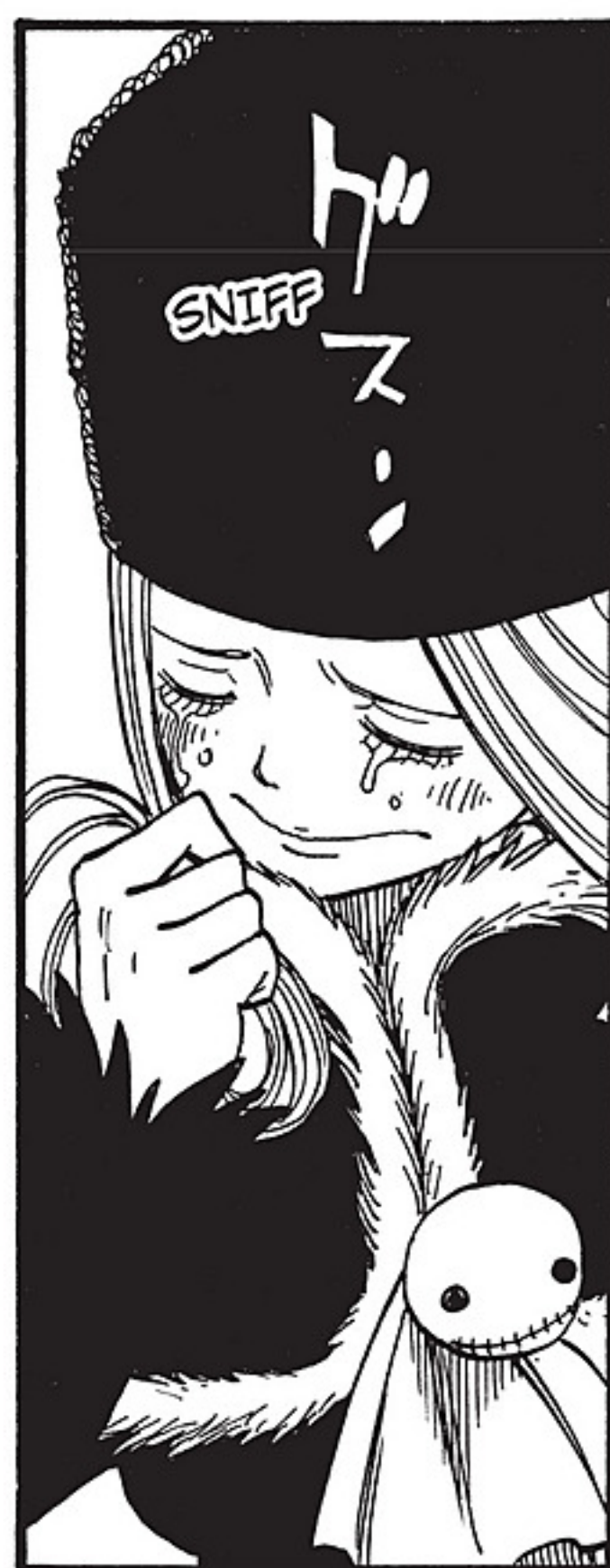
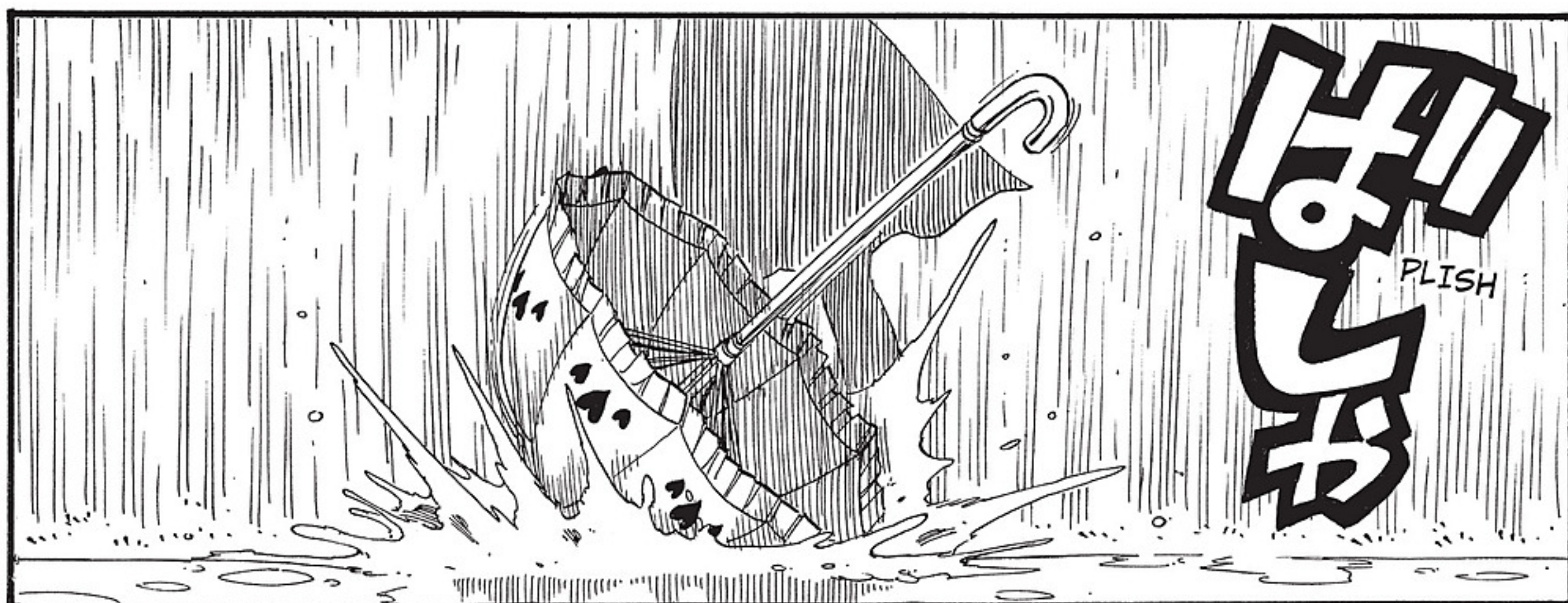


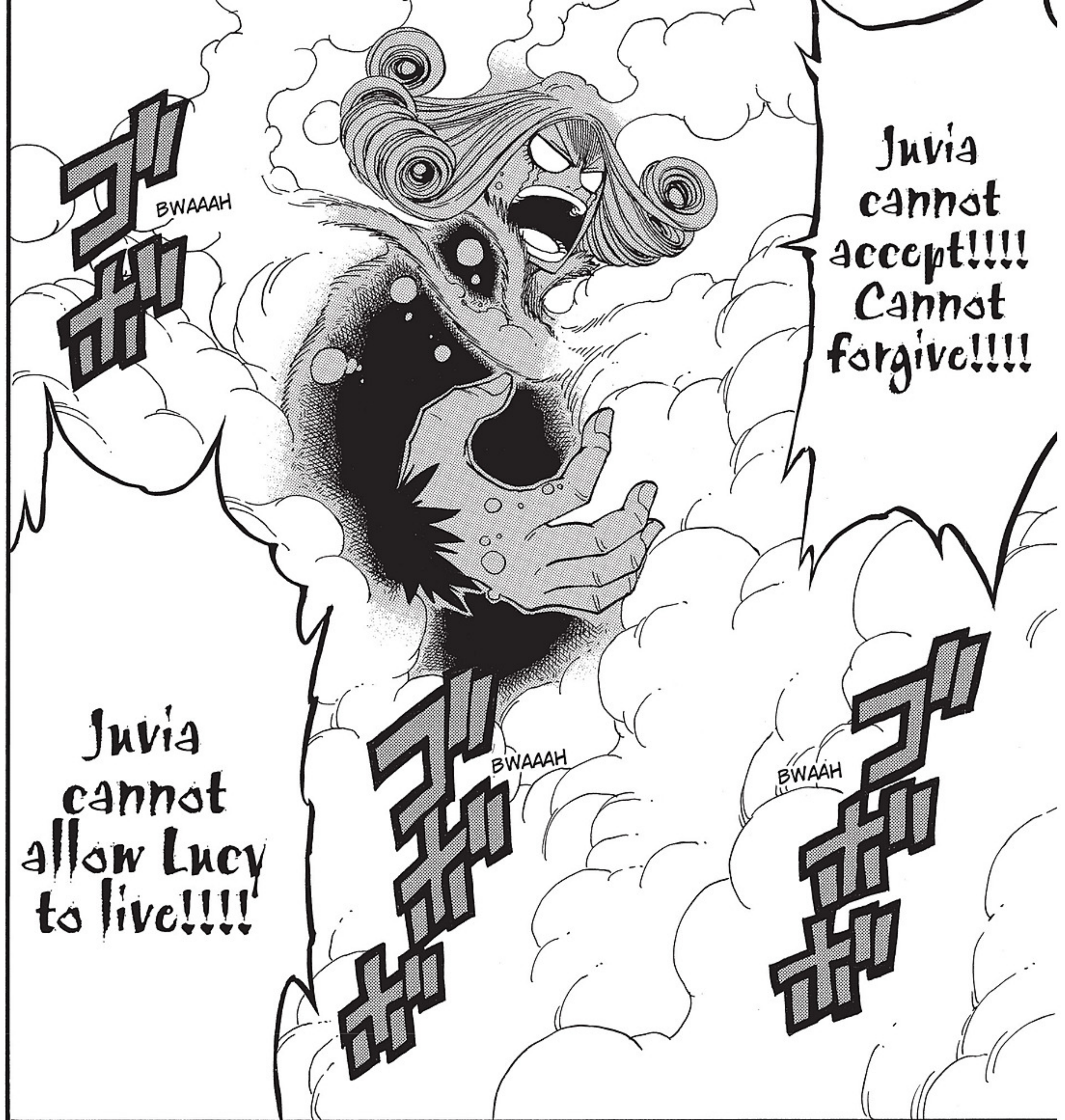












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Nara Prefecture, Sorano Yukimi



Rejection

Rejection Corner

◀ All right... Exactly as you wish...
Tōyama Prefecture, Impact Absorber



Nagano Prefecture, Getta



Shimane Prefecture, Inuka

▶ Everyone looks like they're having so much fun!! Great facial expressions!

▶ The top three of Fairy Tail! (Probably...)



Fukushima Prefecture, Narumi



Okayama Prefecture, Ikuma



Hokkaido, Takayama Yūki

▶ Not, not, not!! It is not Soru!! It is Morsieur Sol!!

▶ Elfman and Plue I really like this combination. I love Elfman best. I think his name and character and everything about him is so cute! Mashima-sensei, all the best in the future too!

▶ Will these two fight out their ultimate battle?!! What will the outcome be?!!



Chiba Prefecture, Jelly



Osaka, Haruna



Shizuoka Prefecture, Orako

▶ Maybe the 'Fairy' (The Empress) armor will come some time later in the manga... (sweat, sweat)

▶ Everybody cheer!!! Hurry!! Hurry!! Mar-shi-mai!!

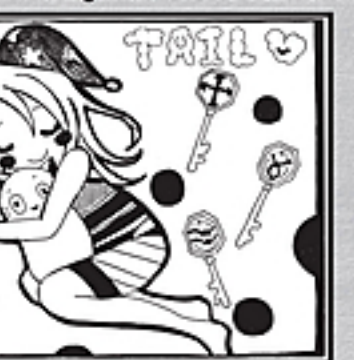
▶ Wow!! So cute!! I wonder what kind of dream she's having!



Fukushima Prefecture, Kai



Kanagawa Prefecture, Kaoringo



Shizuoka Prefecture, Orako

▶ Well... Let's just leave it at that. (laughs)

▶ Everybody knows that the Palace of the Water Bearer refers to the star sign Aquarius, right?

▶ Wow!! So cute!! I wonder what kind of dream she's having!

GUILD D'ART, STAFF EDITION!!

A bit of artwork that got caught up in the confusion.



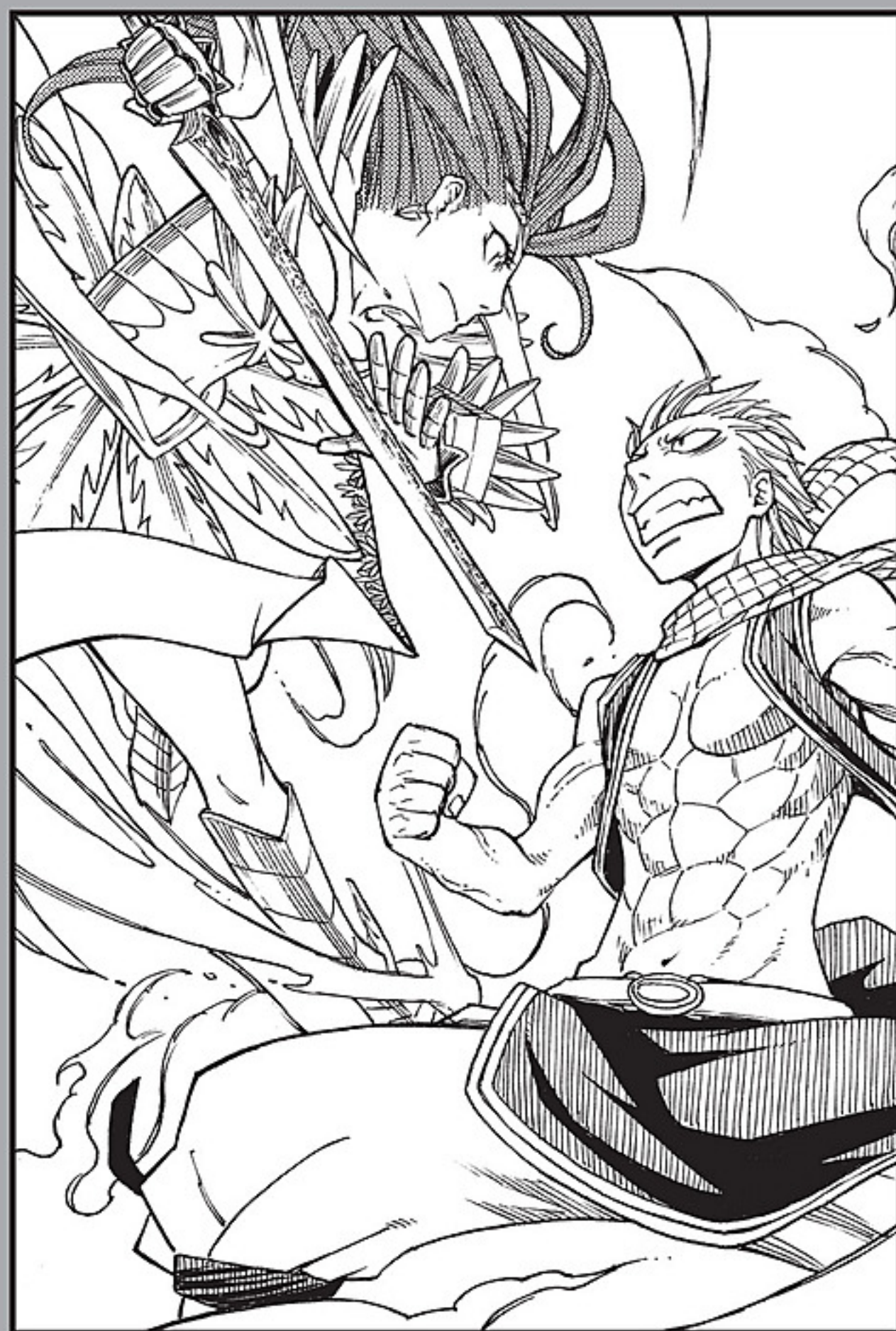
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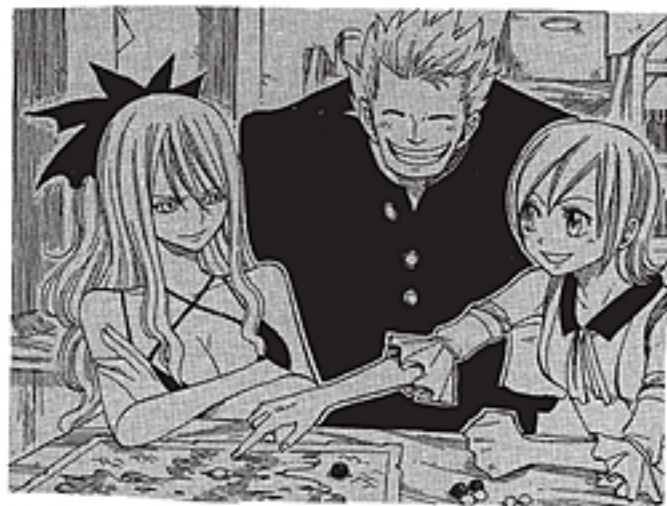
Bobby Ôsawa

I can see why everyone would be nervous.

Mira: That's true. Sometimes the Master says, "I wonder if I'm the next to die!" and "It seems like a real possibility" and "I could just cry!" He seems really worried about it.

Lucy: Oh, dear... (sweat, sweat)

Mira: Let's go to the next question, shall we?



I-is the one on the left... really...M-Mira-chan?

Shudder, shudder!

Mira: Eh? Why would anyone bother to ask such an obvious question?

Lucy: B-But there's something about the girl in the picture that doesn't seem like you!

Mira: You think so? Well, I was quite young.♡

Lucy: A-And scary...

Mira: It was a fun time!! Elfman was a loose cannon who I always had to keep my eye on. But we'd go taking Lisanna with us...

Mira: Mira-san...

Mira: And we'd get into all sorts of brawls with Erza or Natsu and the gang...

Mira: : Ehhhhh?!!!

Mira: That's what it means to be young, Lucy! Everybody does it, don't they?

Lucy: Normally, girls don't get into that kind of stuff...

Mira: And now on to our last question.



So what exactly is "that"?

Lucy: Urk! That's right!! I never did find out!!

Mira: Heh heh... Oh, of course, "that"!

Lucy: ?

Mira: We're still keeping it a secret.♡

Lucy: What the heck is "that"?!!

We're collecting questions about *Fairy Tail*! Send them to the address below!

↓
Hiro Mashima
Kodansha Comics
451 Park Ave. South, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10016



From the Fairy Tail Bar

Mira: Hello there!! I'm Lucy, the cute and sexy manager of Fairy Tail!!

Lucy: The author just loves to draw Lucy, doesn't he... Heh heh.

Lucy: Oh, he's just a lecher!! Really!! All he ever thinks about is sex!!

Mira: Let's get started. We've received a bunch of questions after people read volume 6.



Does the strength of the celestial spirits change according to the magical power of the wizard using them?

Lucy: That's right.

Mira:

Lucy:

Mira: Is that all?

Lucy: I know what you want to say!! That the keys I have to the Twelve Golden Gates are wasted on me, right?

Mira: You knew exactly what I wanted to say.

Lucy: Ow!! That knife in my back hurts!! Sniff...

Mira: But we don't know what the future holds. When Lucy trains herself up to be a powerful wizard, I'd like to see what that bull looks like!

Lucy: Oh, Mira-san!! Sniff...

Mira: Just think of the T-bone barbecue we'll have then!!

Mira: : You can't eat him!!!!

Mira: Now on to the next question.



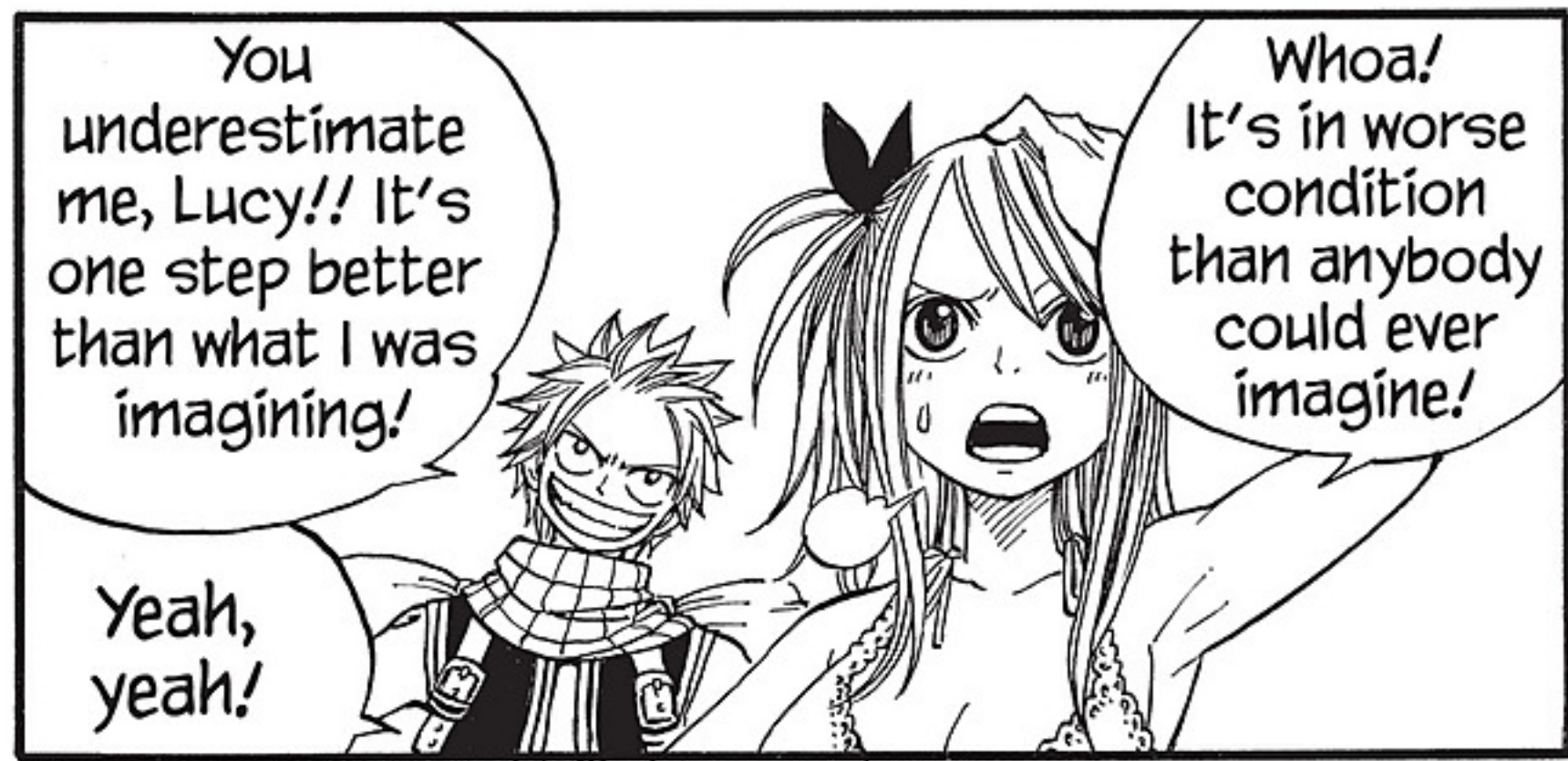
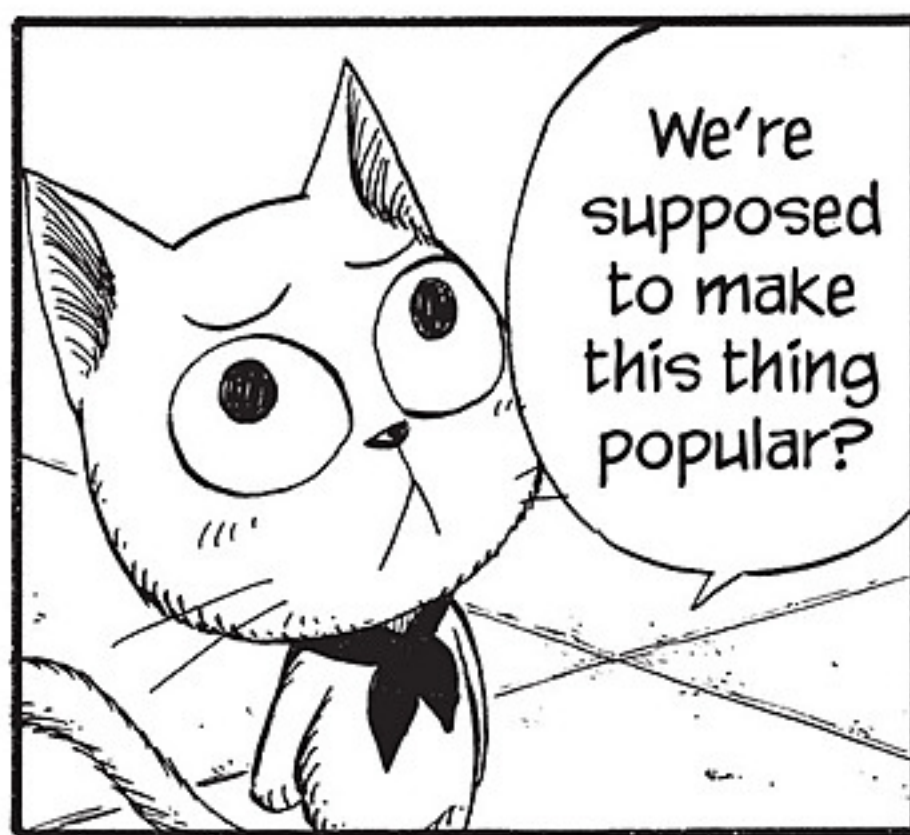
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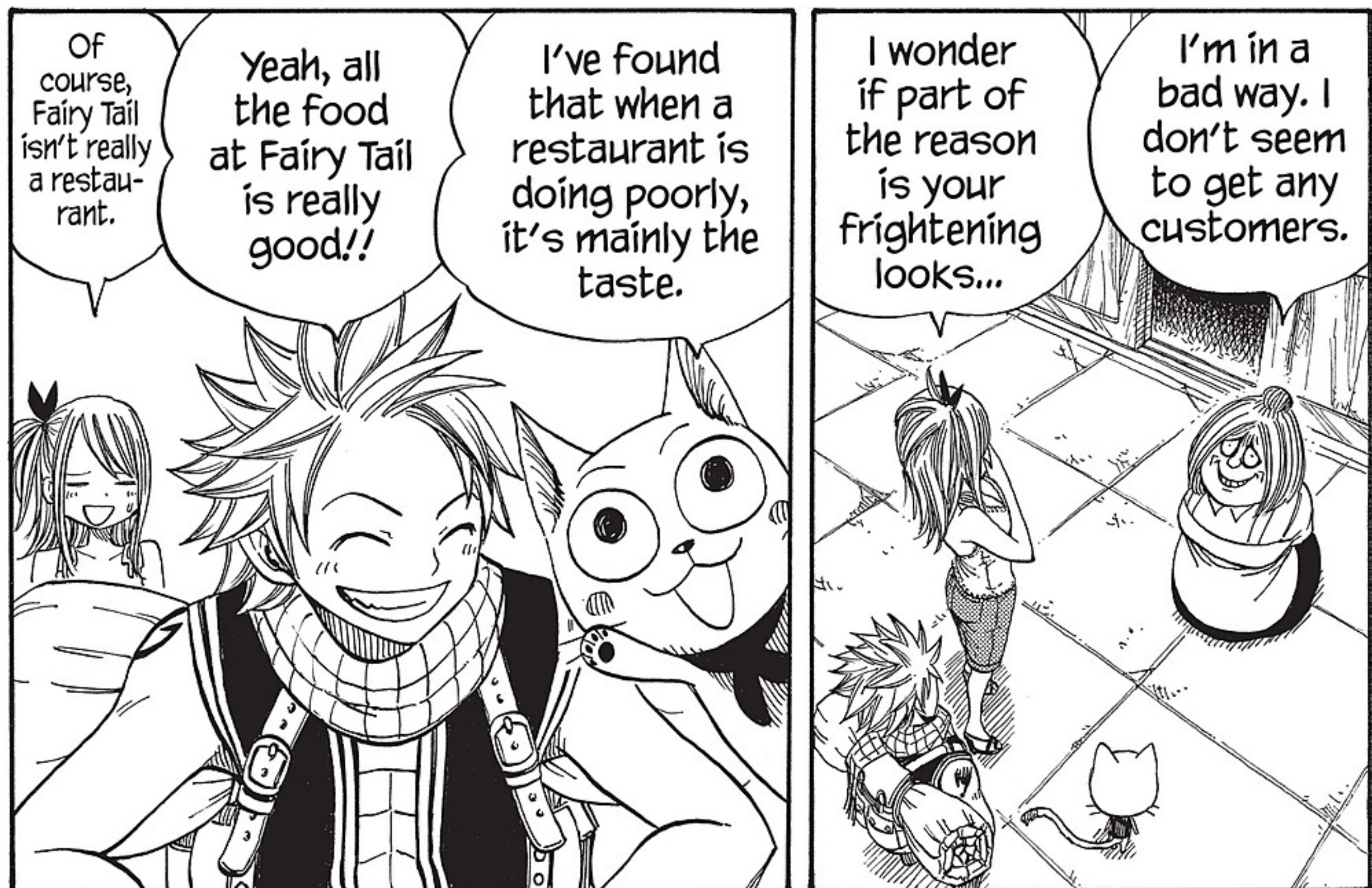
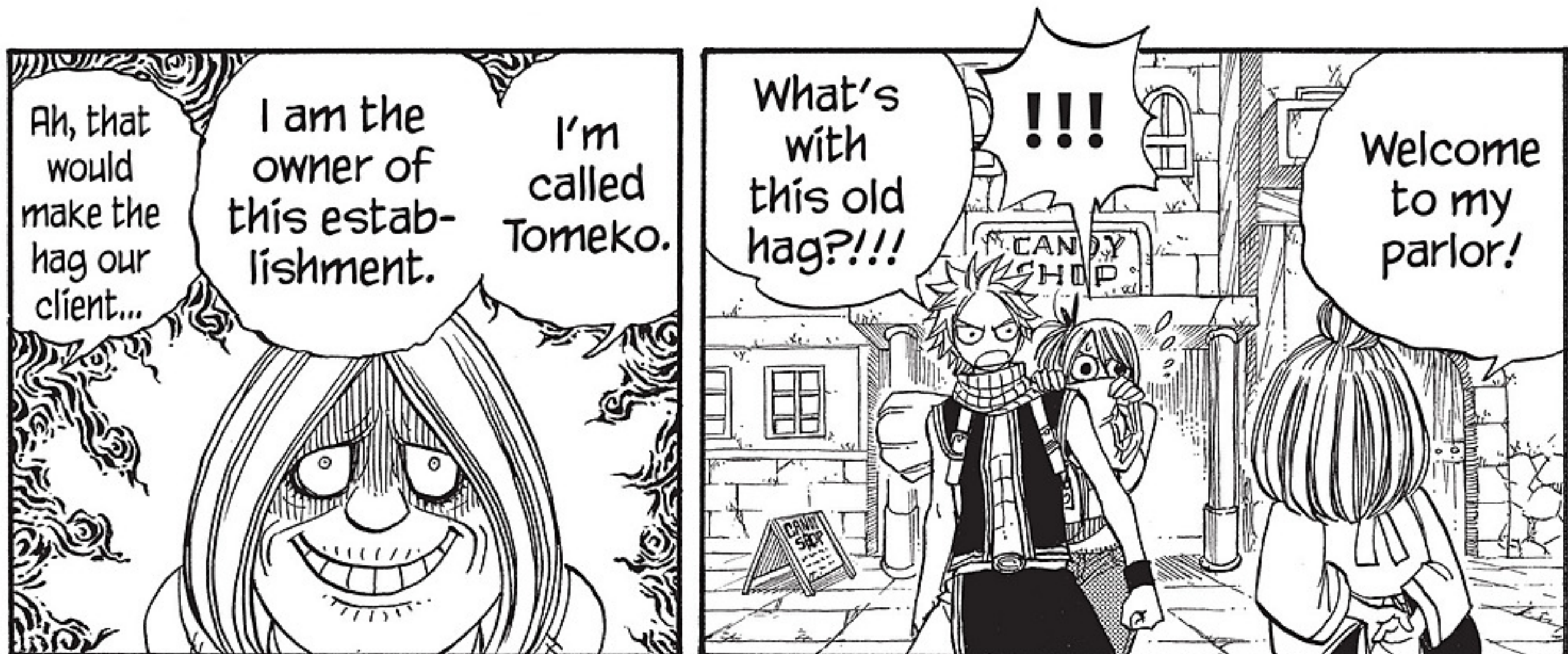
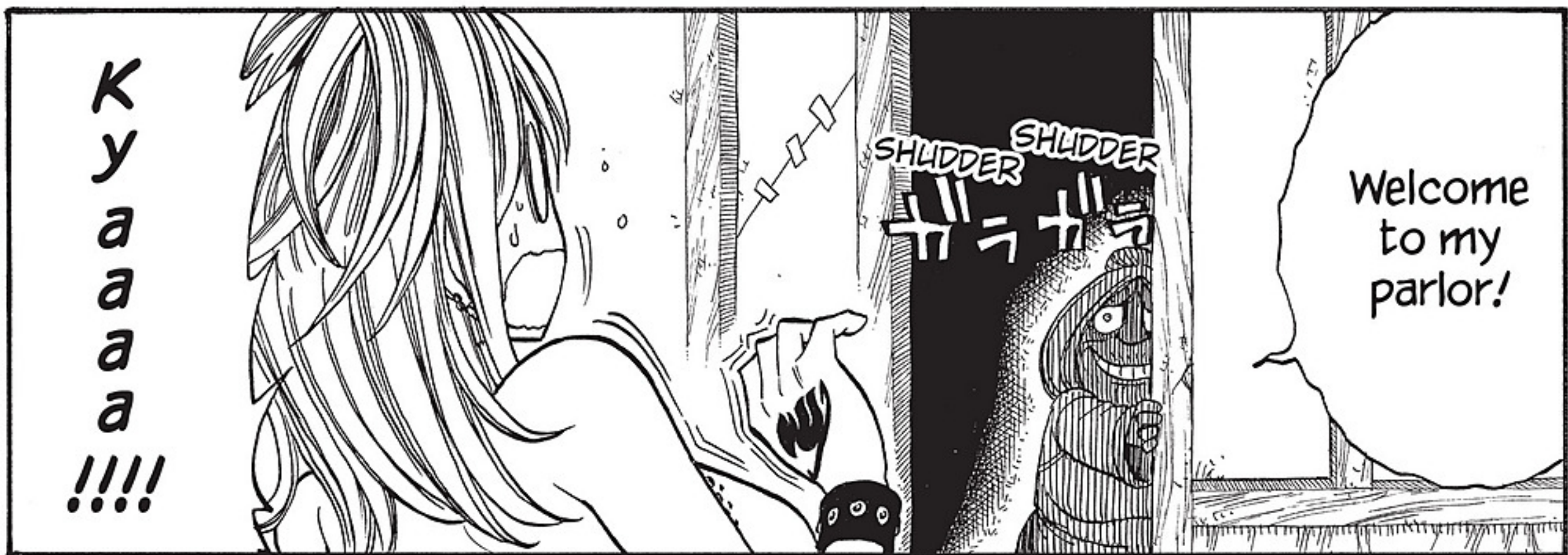
Lucy: Of course she is!!

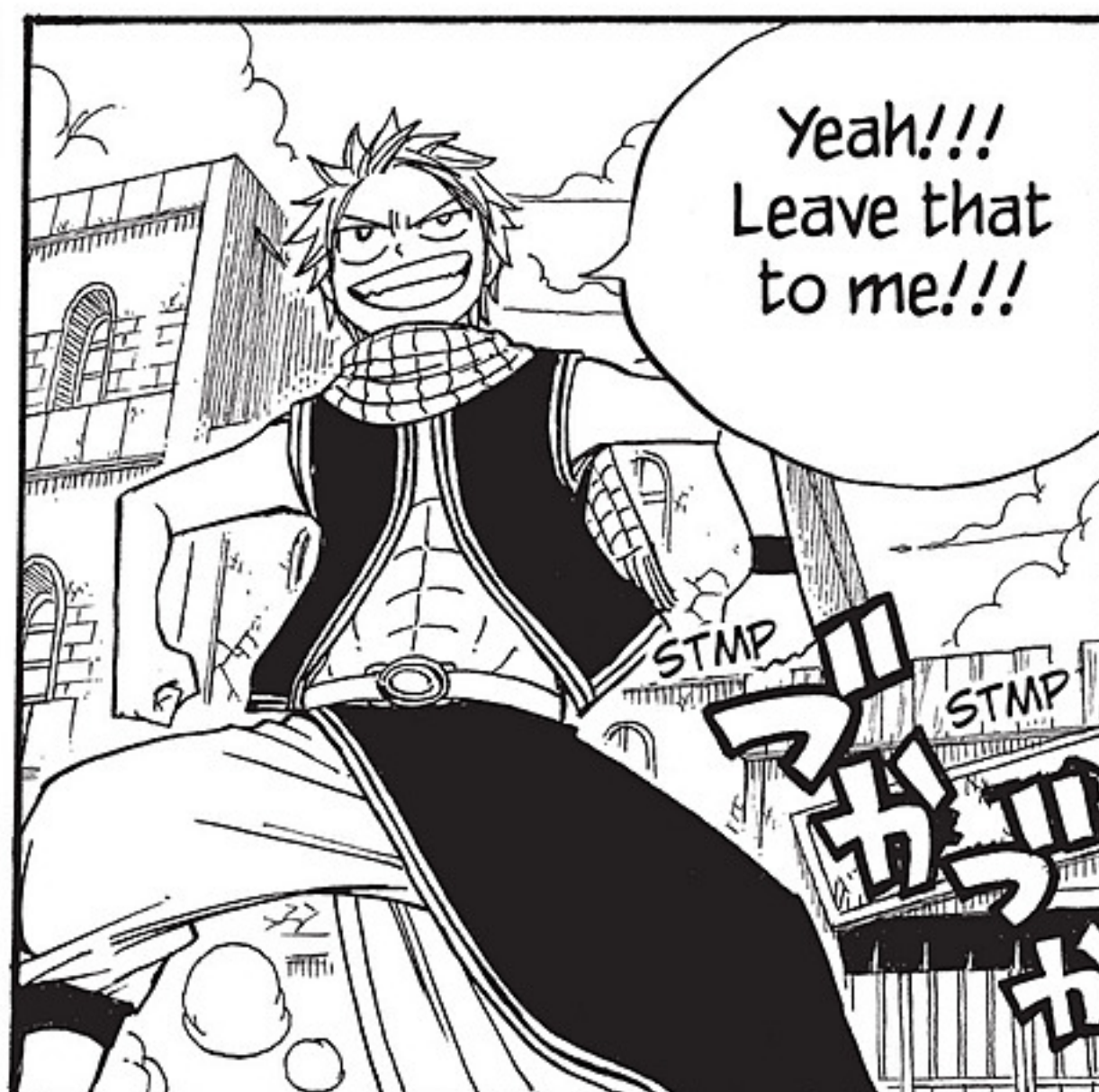
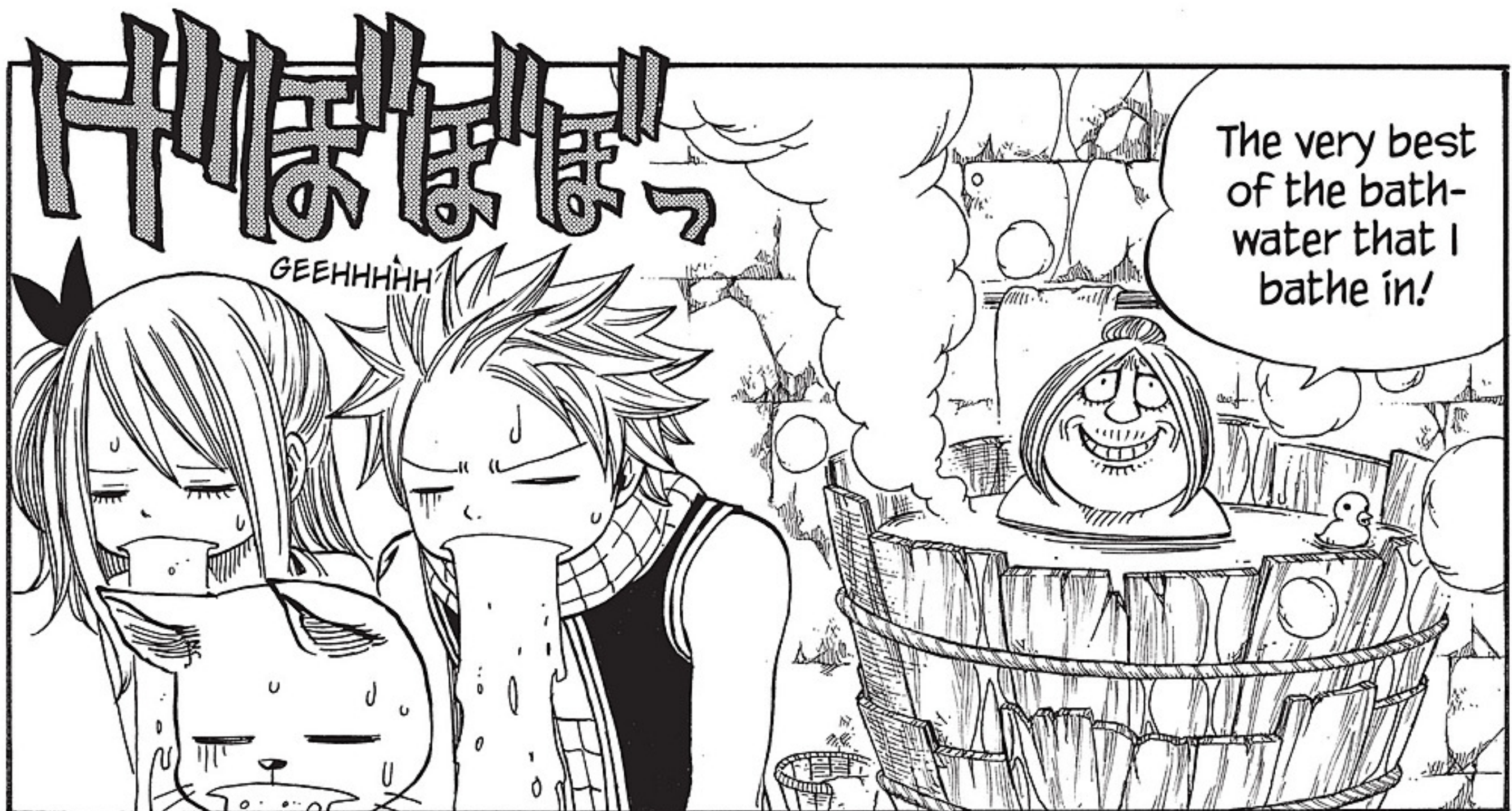
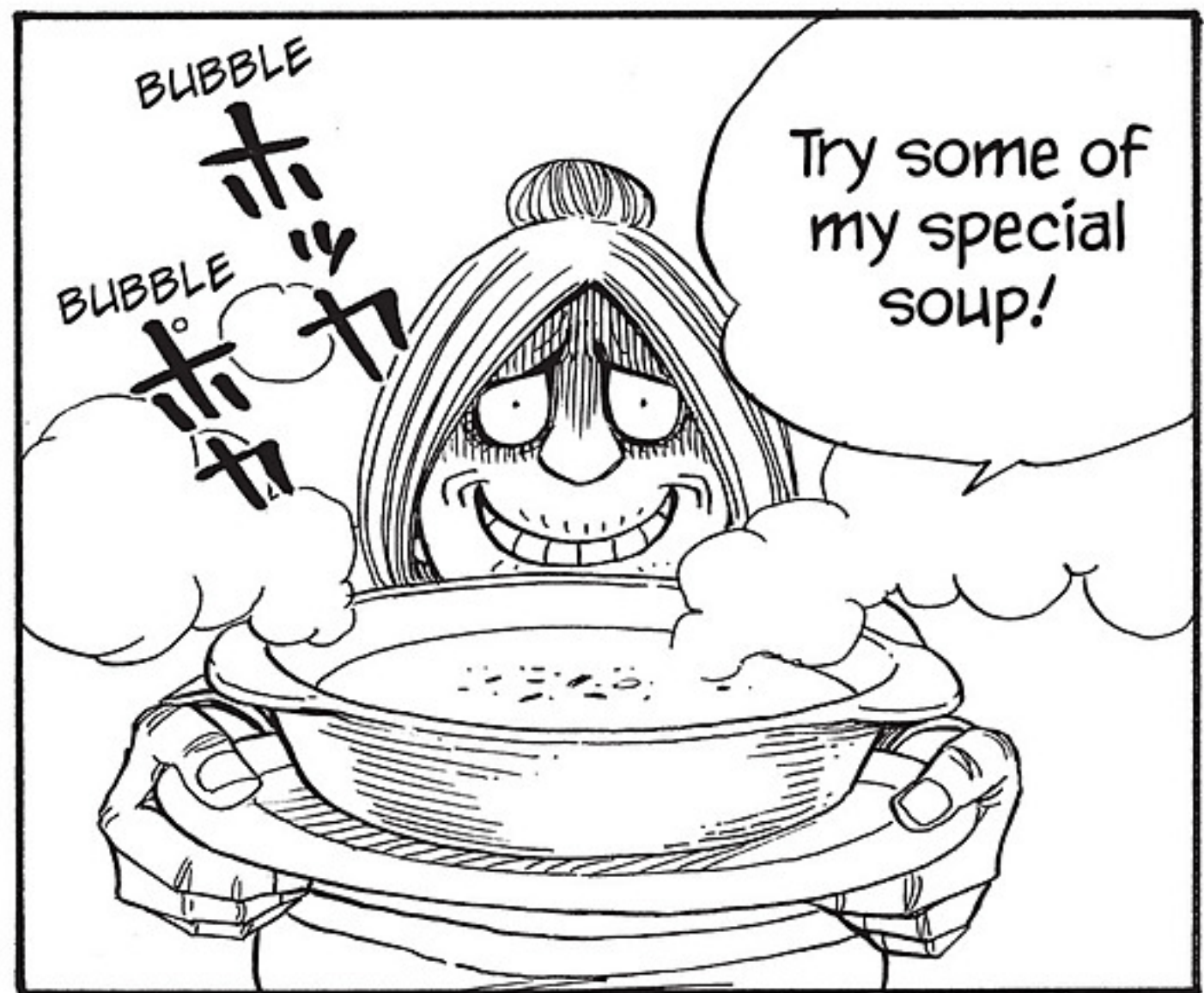
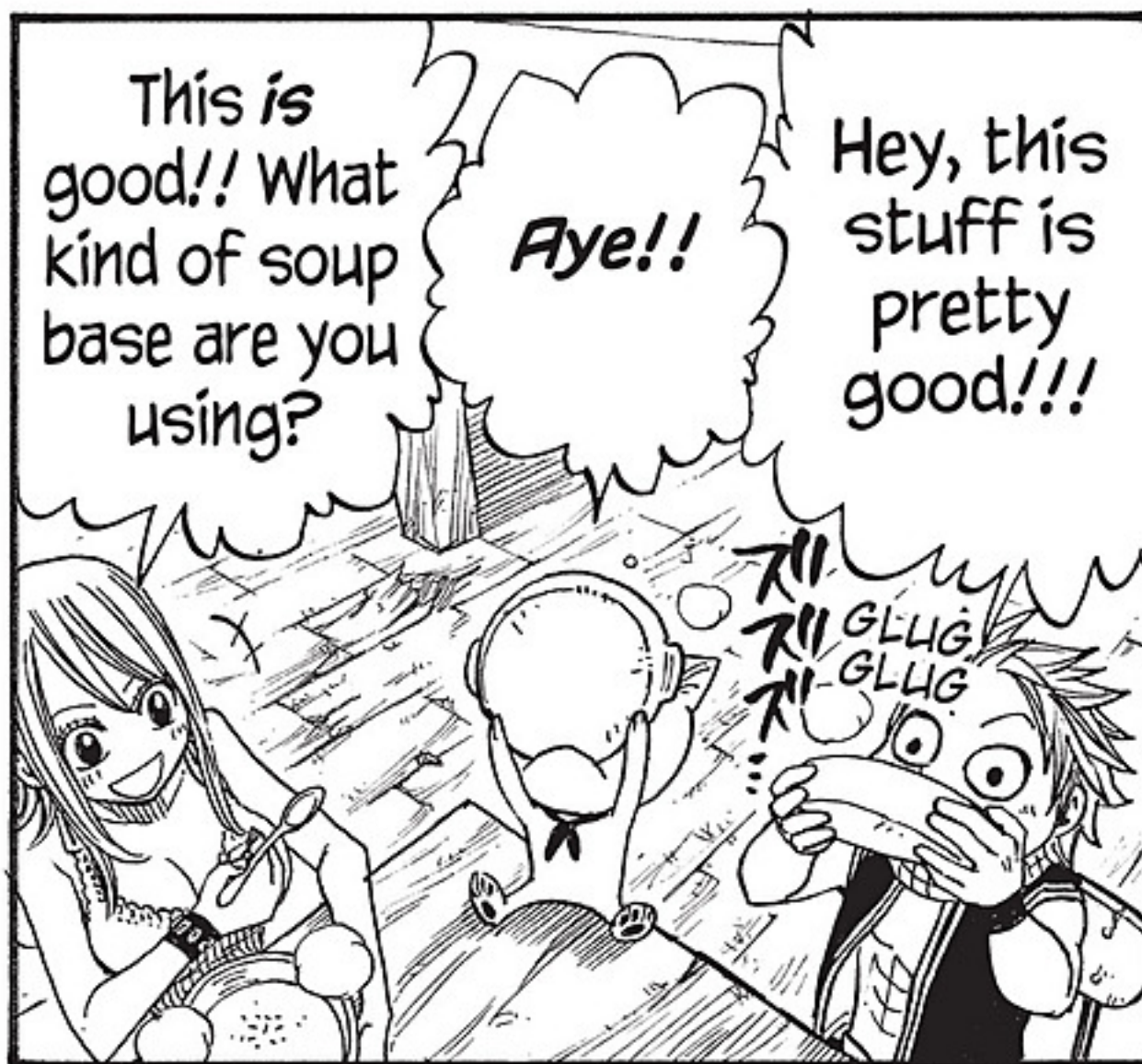
Mira: Don't worry. Jet and Droy are alive and kicking too.

Mira: : But with the author's previous work, leading characters died off, one after the other.

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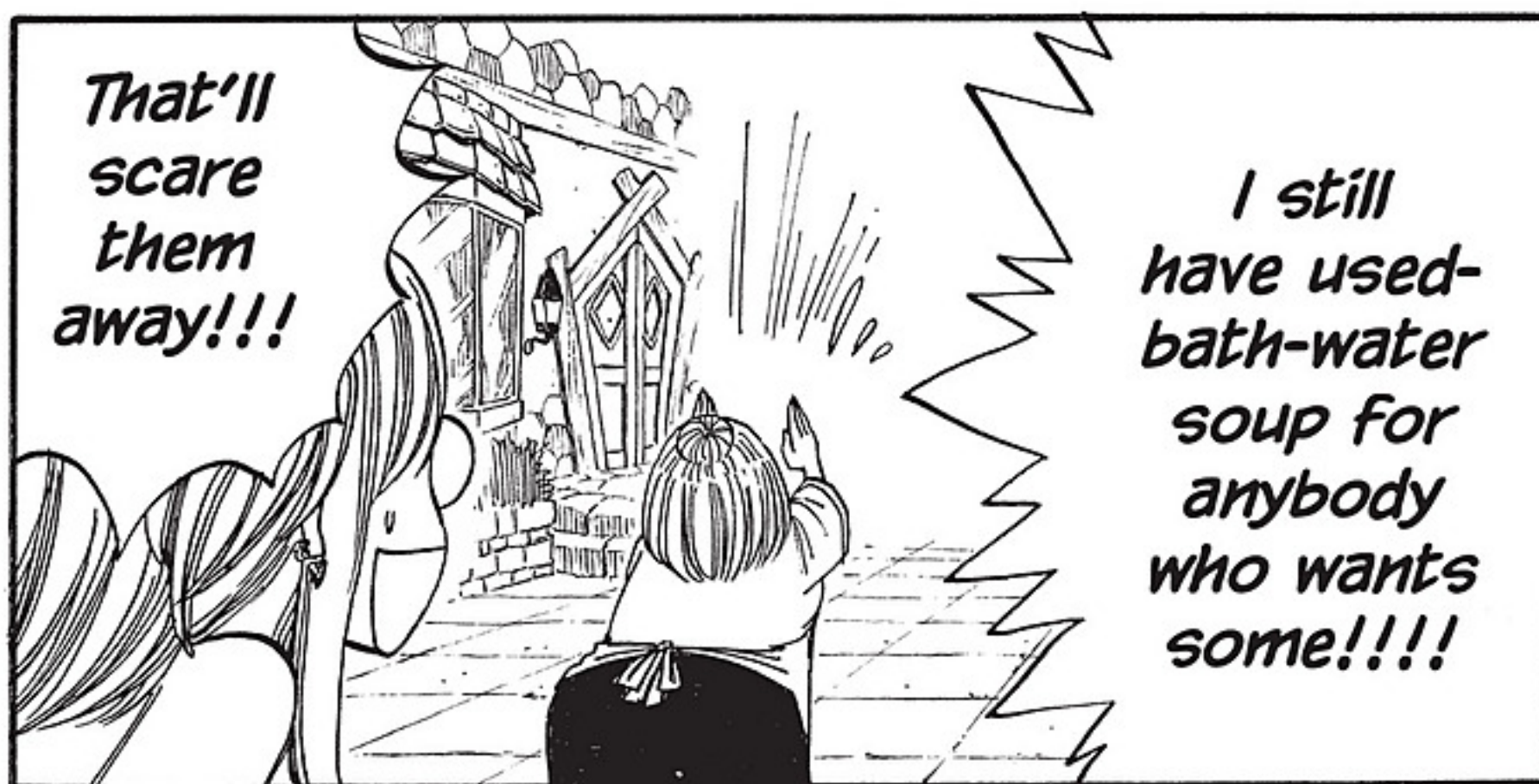






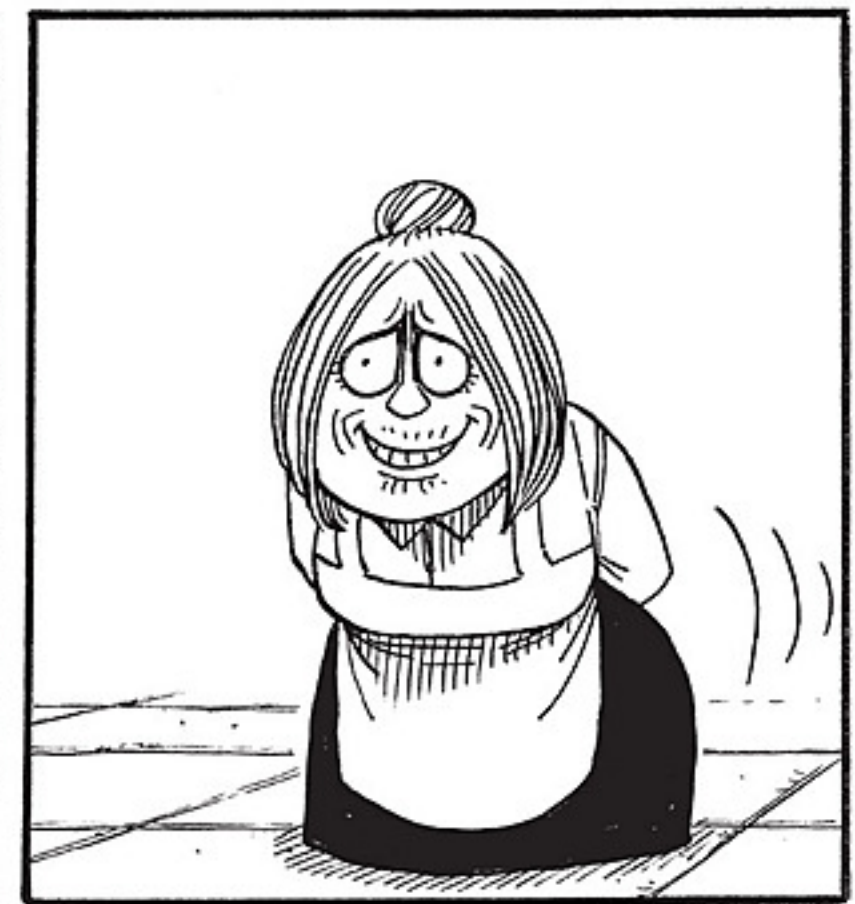
*Just try
yelling
that!!!!*

*If you want
great food,
come to
Tomekko
Restaurant!!!!*



*That'll
scare
them
away!!!*

*I still
have used-
bath-water
soup for
anybody
who wants
some!!!!*



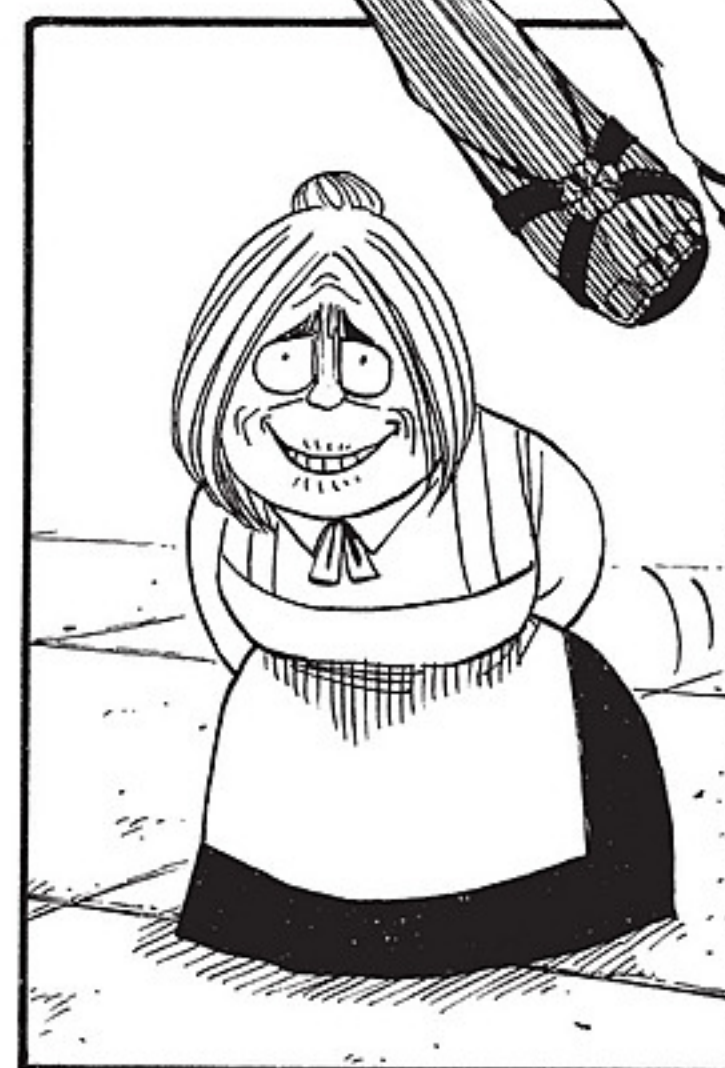
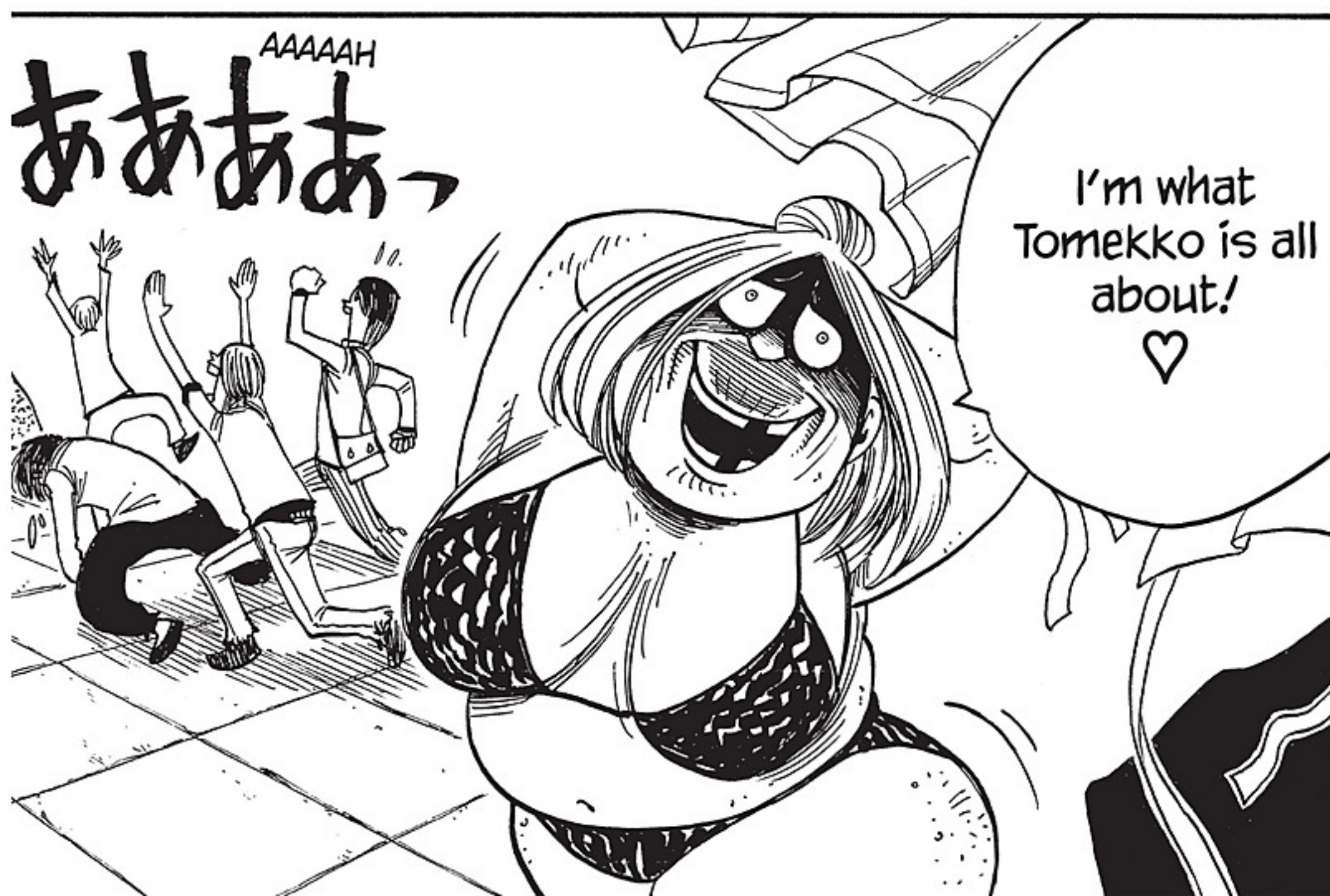
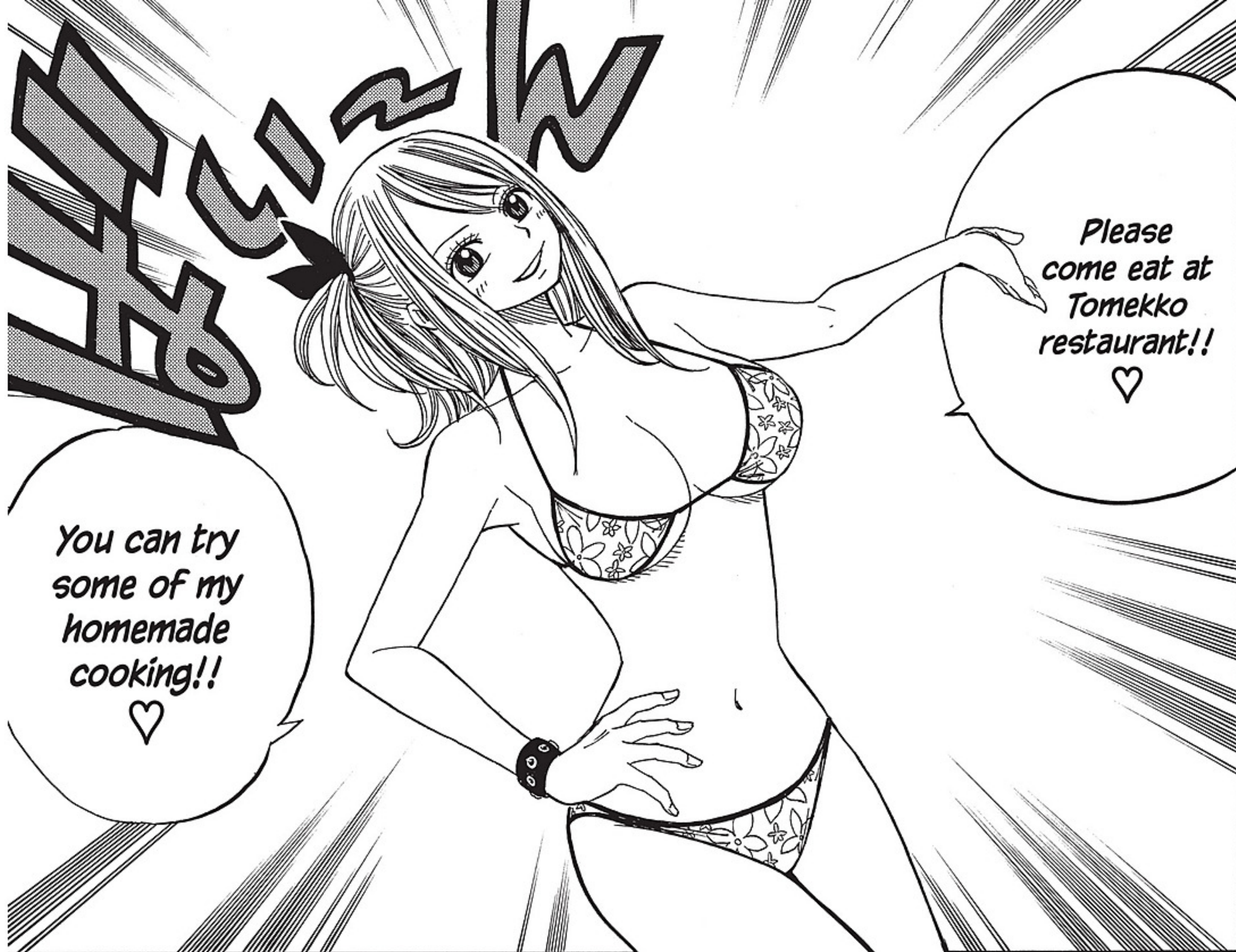
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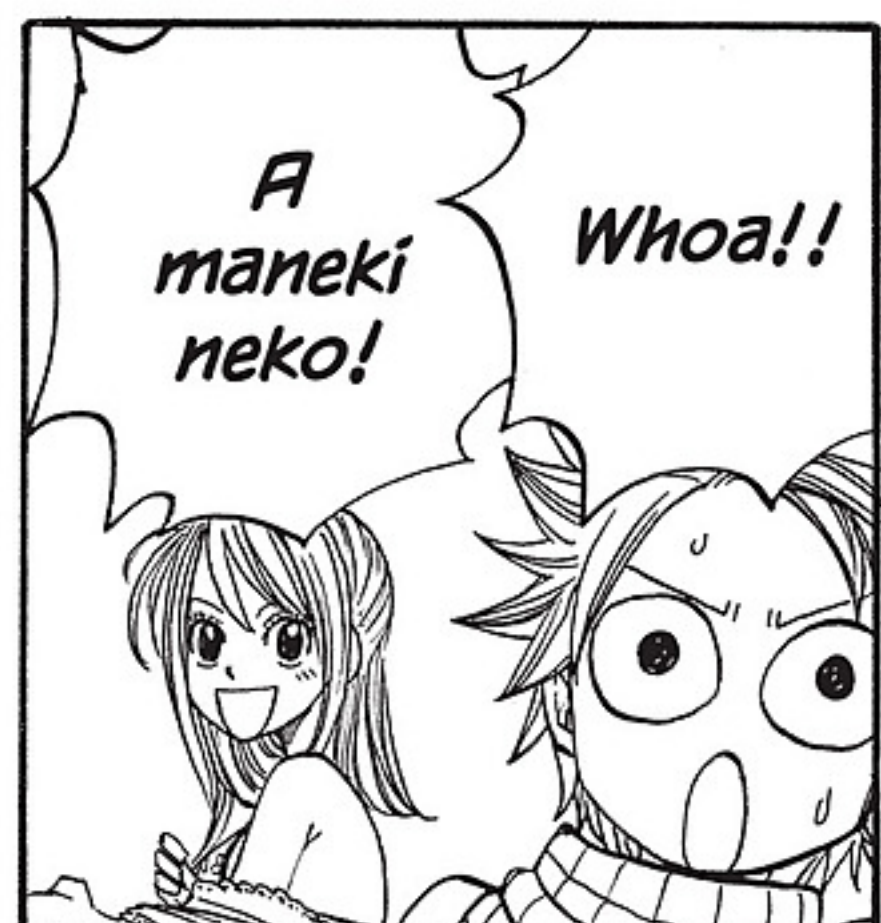
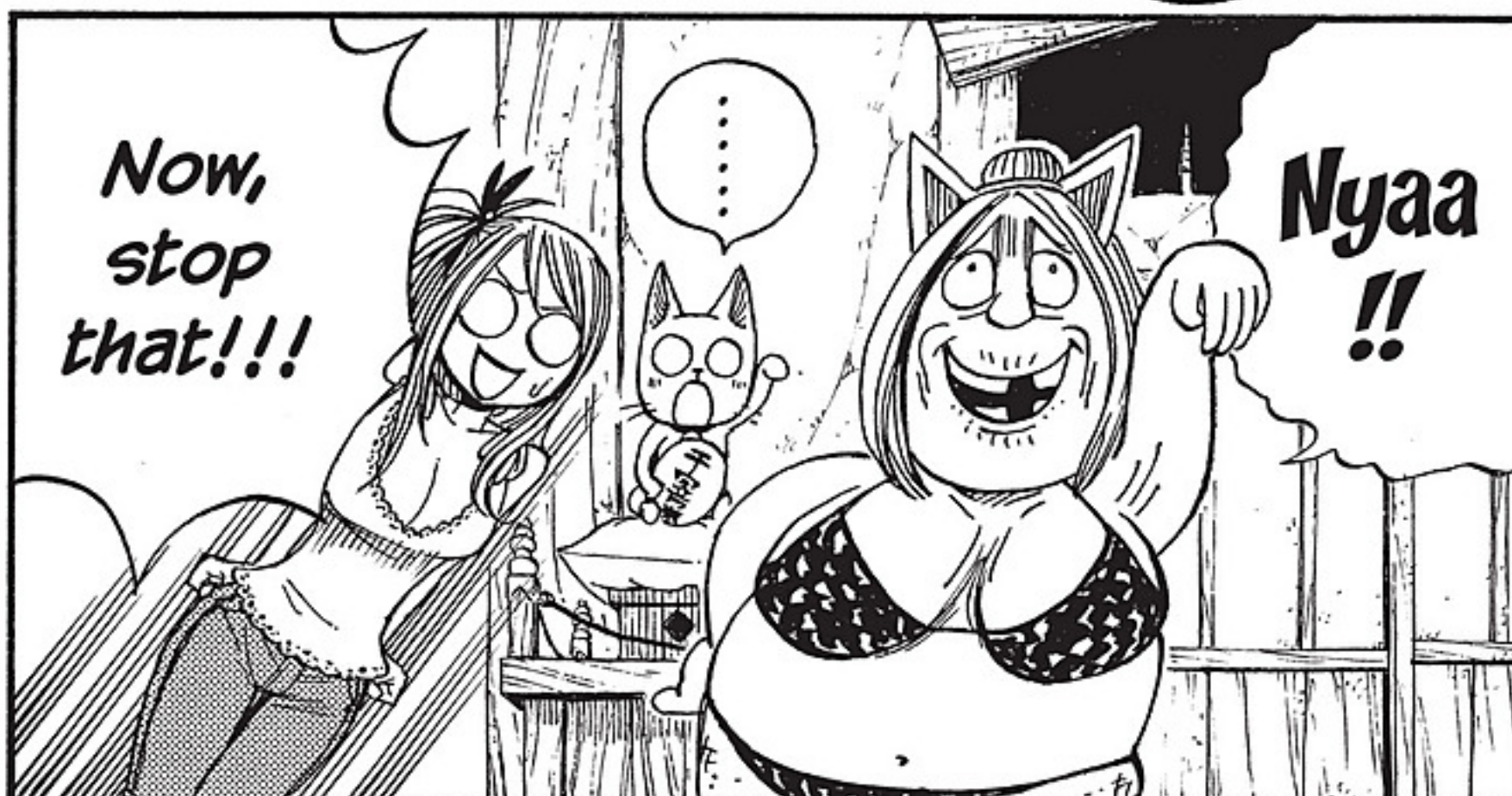
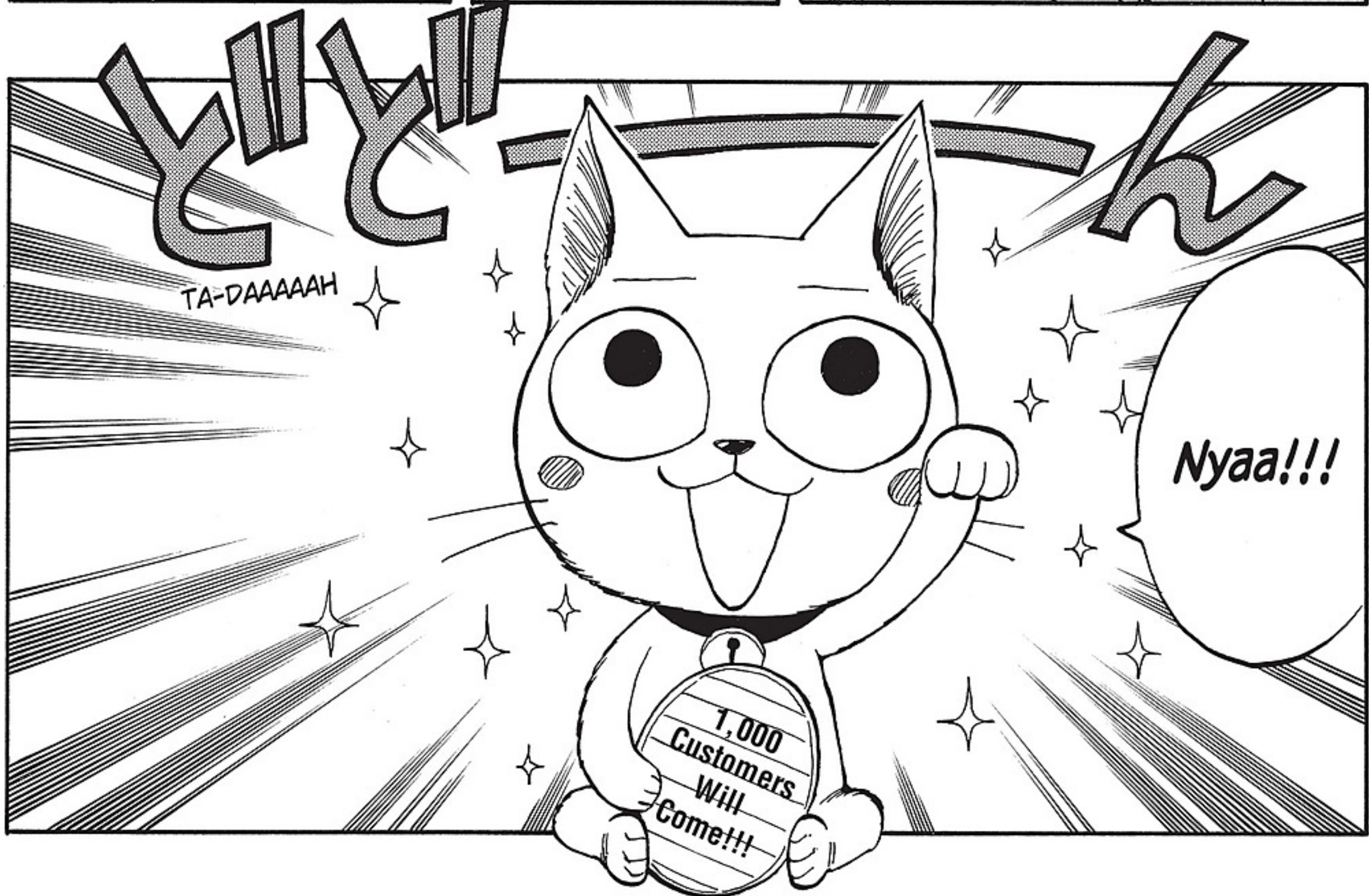
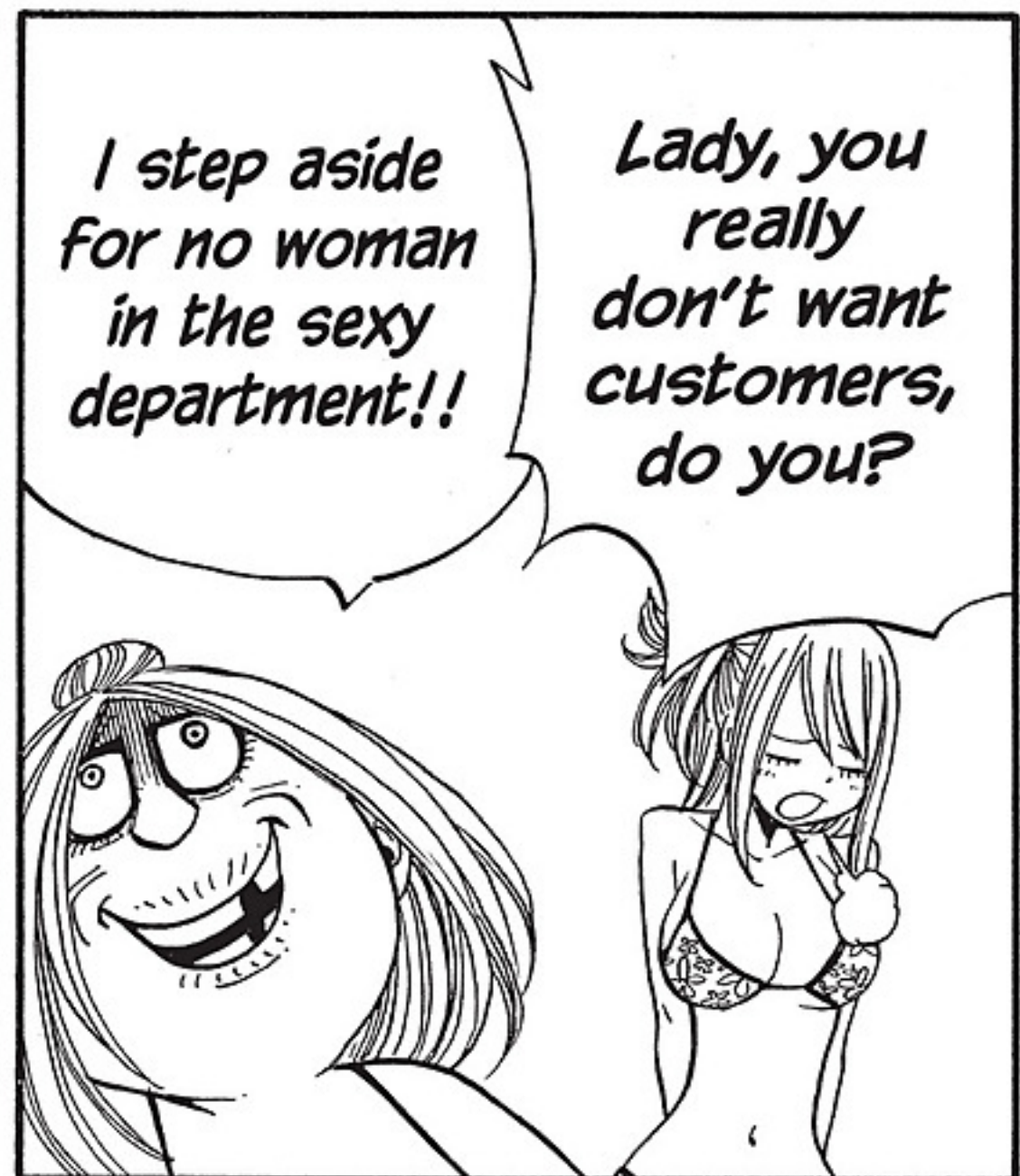
*I have no
choice left.
I'll have to
bring out
the secret
weapon!*



*Not you
too,
Natsu?!!*

*But
it tastes
unexpectedly
good!!!!*





THE END

AFTERWORD

I'm sleepy!!! The seasons change, and I just can't keep my eyes open!! (Right now, the season is changing from summer to fall.) Long ago, I could get only a couple of hours sleep and still have lots of energy, but as I get older, that has slowly changed. Even so, I usually get about seven hours of sleep a night, and the other manga authors keep saying things like, "Wow, that's a lot!! I'm jealous!!" But even so, when I get sleepy, I get really sleepy. And with that, and the fact that I do work that takes long hours, I've figured out ways to deal with my sleepiness while I'm drawing my manga!

1 · I talk with the staff.

It depends on how much people are into the conversation, of course, but it can really charge my batteries back up! There are a lot of times when I even forget how sleepy I was! ◎

2 · Coffee and Cigarettes.

I go to the veranda and smoke one cigarette and come back to life! I have the feeling that coffee doesn't work on me anymore, so I use it more as a comfort drink. △

3 · Play.

I watch DVDs, play games, go outside for a bit, and come back refreshed!! But while I'm doing it, I can get absorbed, and the manga doesn't get drawn! △

4 · Sleep.

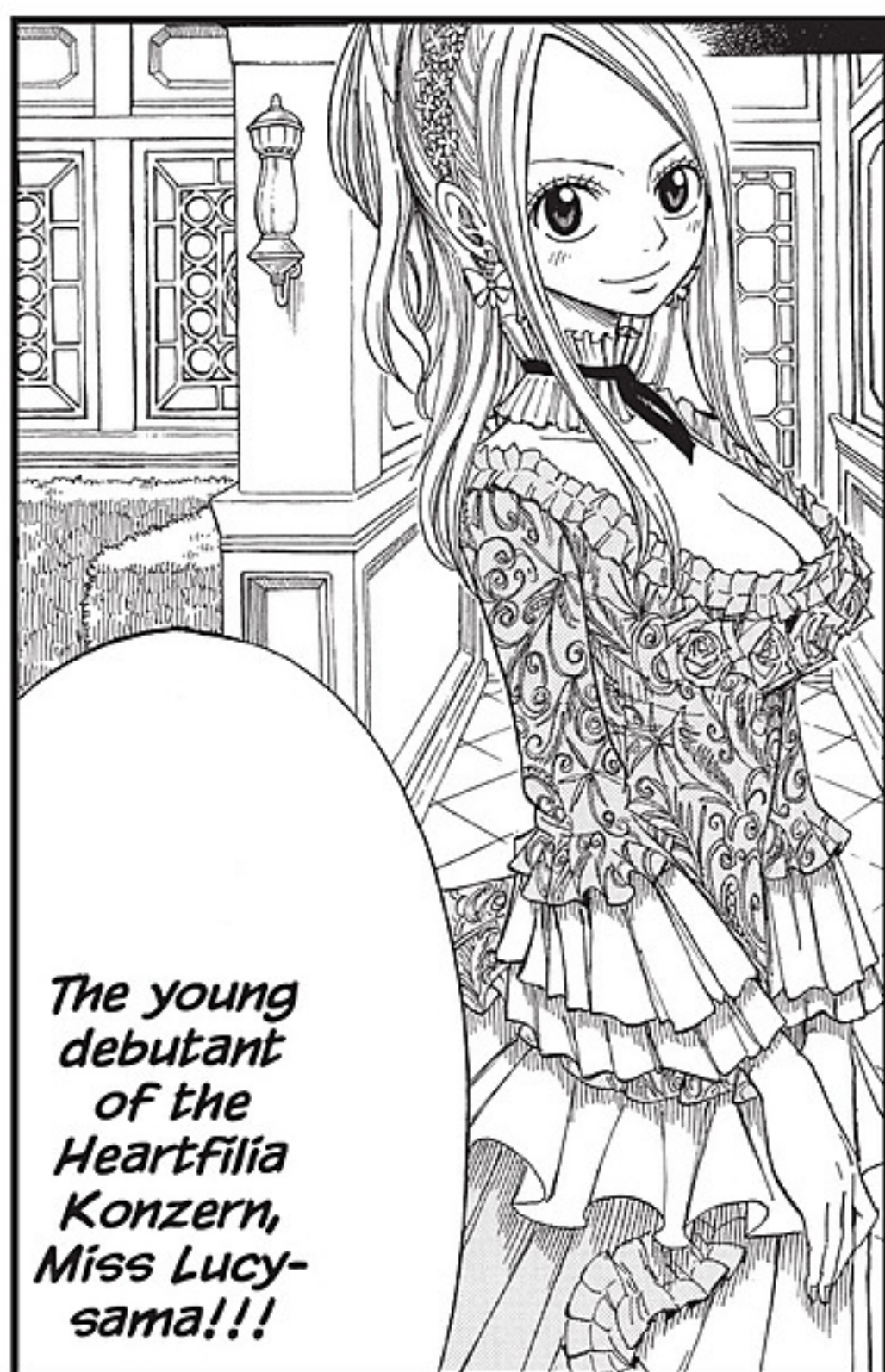
You know, just stop fighting it and get some sleep! And when you do, you don't just get rid of the sleepiness, you also get your strength back. ◎

Yeah, I know!! When you're sleepy, you should sleep! And to take my own advice...Good night, everybody!!

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in the Nagano prefecture.

His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shonen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

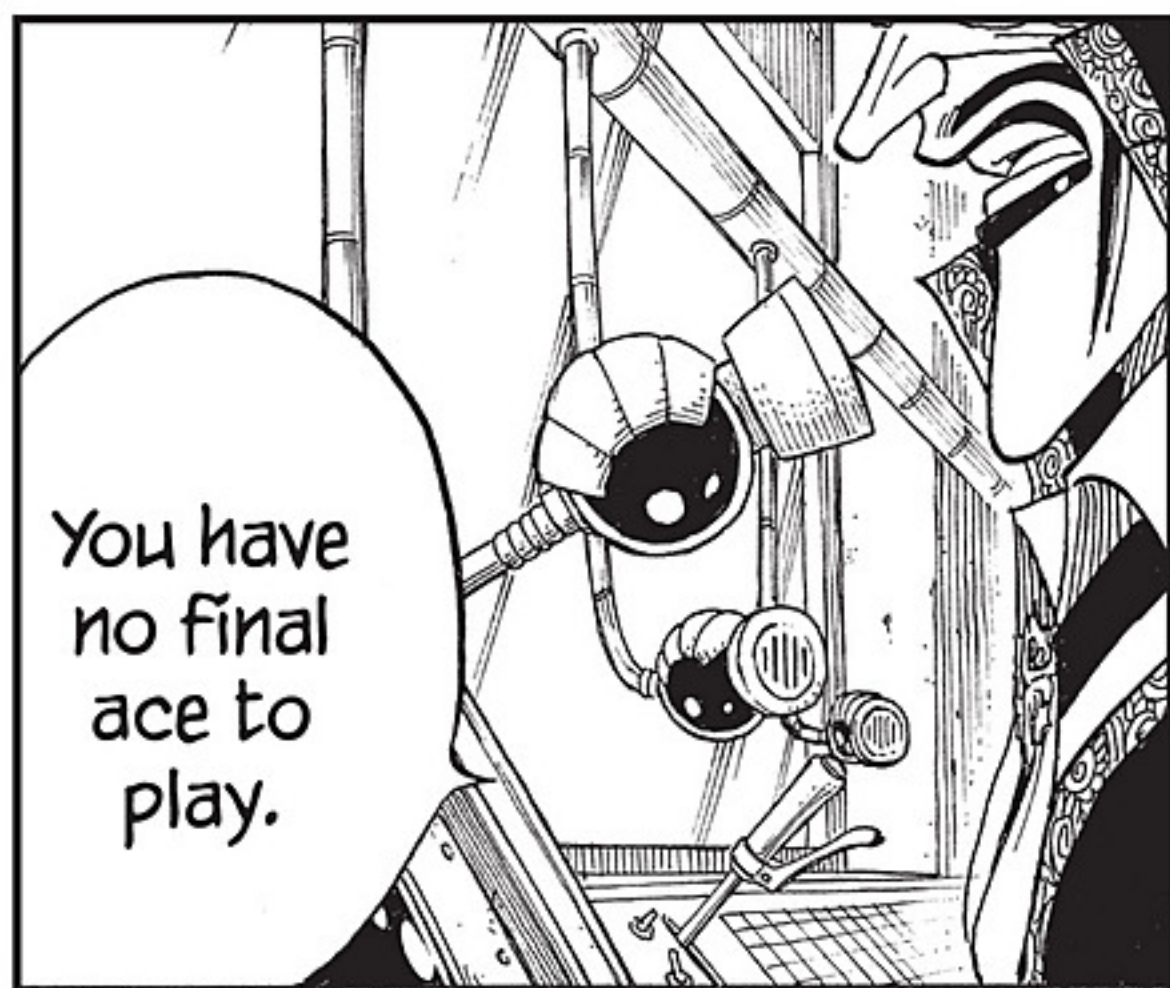
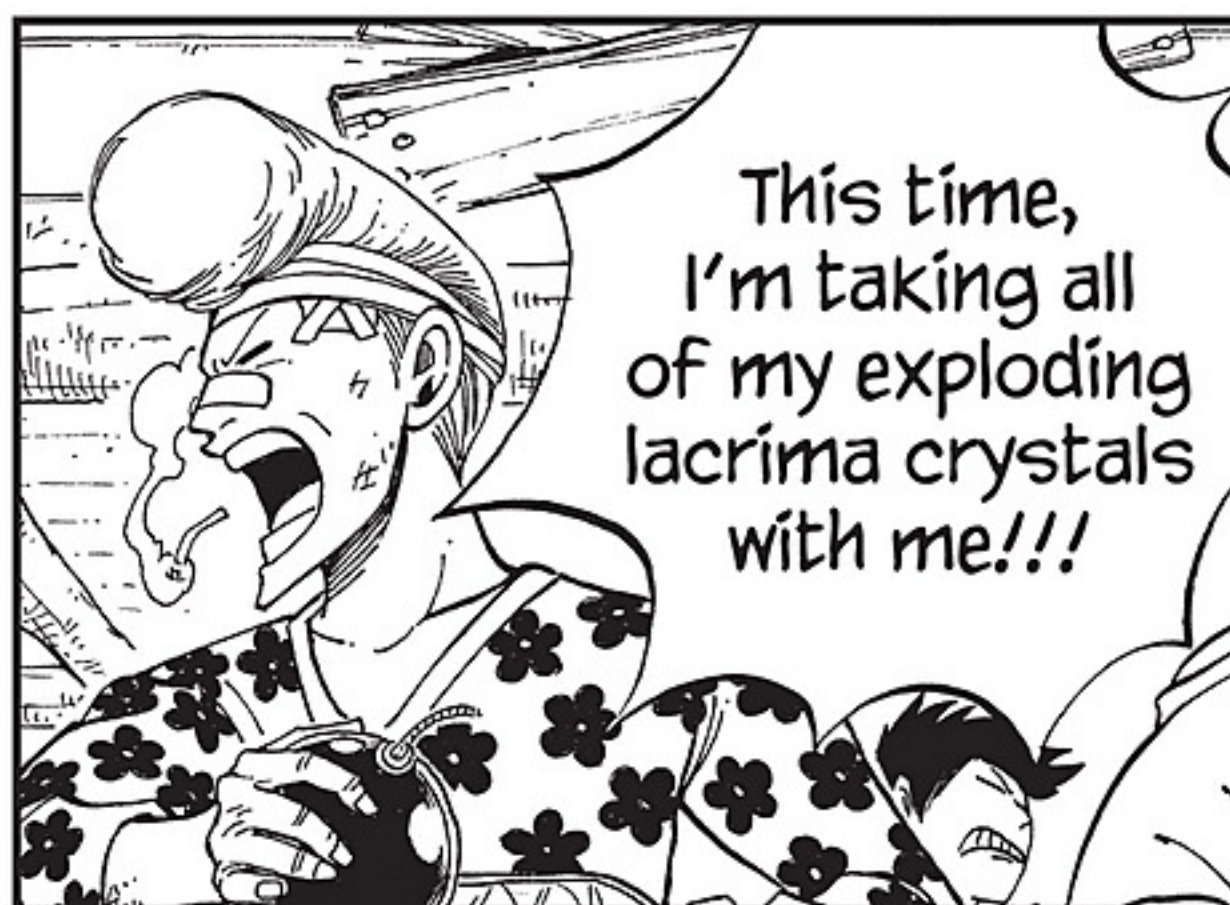


Konzern, page 36

Konzern is a German word that Japanese sometimes borrows to refer to a business empire.

Lacrima, page 59

Lacrima is Latin for "tear," and the word has been used in Japanese to describe certain types of crystals and beads. The Fairy Tail universe seems to use the word for magical crystals.



Final ace, page 80

This is an approximate translation. In Japanese, Jose said, "You will never have your triumphal song." That doesn't really come across in English as well as I wanted it to, so I changed the reference to playing aces in cards, which conveyed the same feeling without the unusual concept.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

General Notes: Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, you'll find panels in which the English word "wizard" is part of the original illustration. So this translation has taken that as its inspiration and translated the word *madôshi* as "wizard." But *madôshi*'s meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed by the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madô* is the way of magic, and *madôshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used in the original dialogue, a Japanese reader would be likely to think not of traditional Western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, but of martial artists.

Names

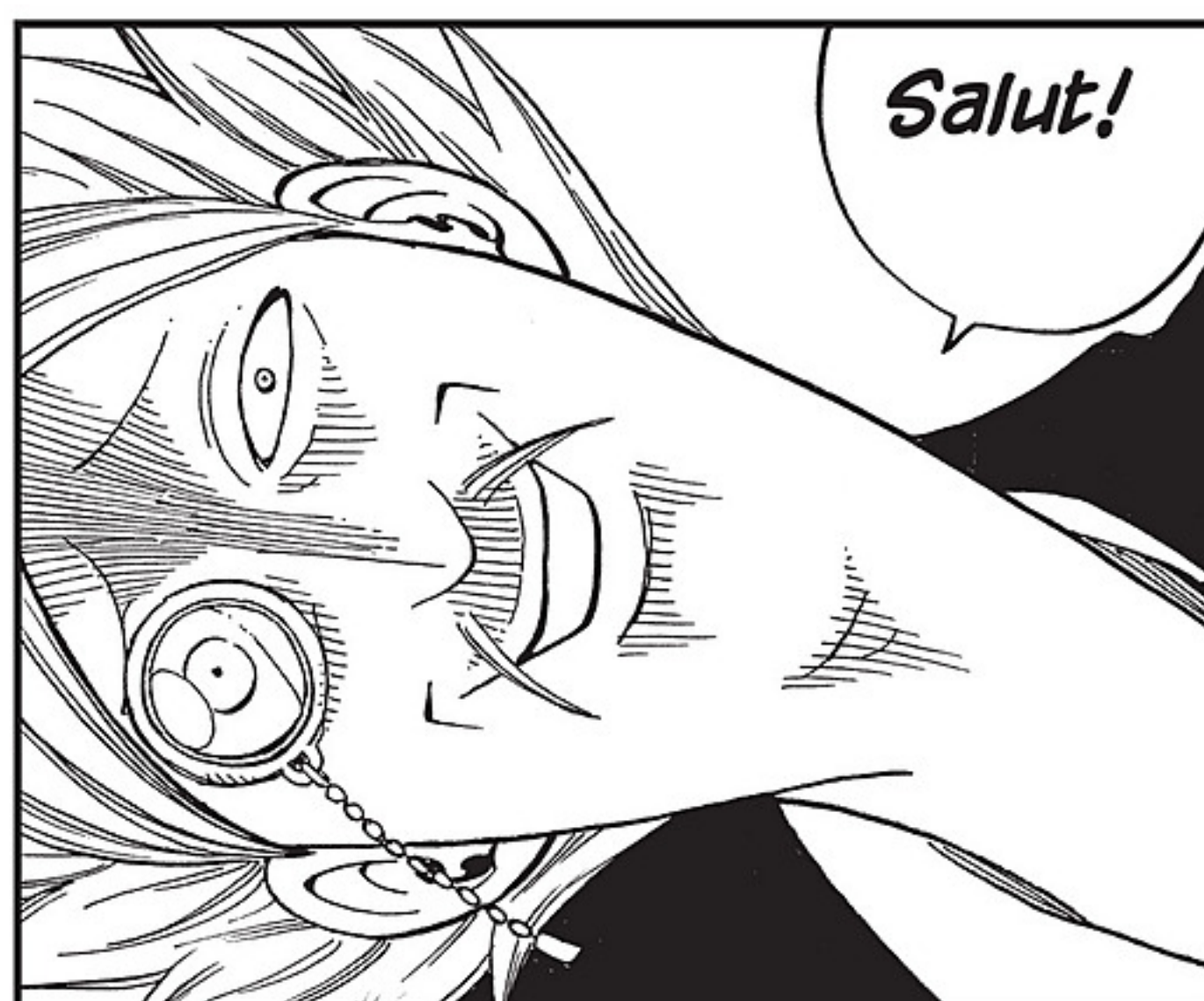
Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that the spellings contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds, page 3

"The Moon Can Be Hidden by Clouds; Flowers Can Be Scattered by the Wind," is a Japanese proverb (*kotowaza*) that means that nothing in this world is certain.

Salut, page 132

Salut is French for "greetings."

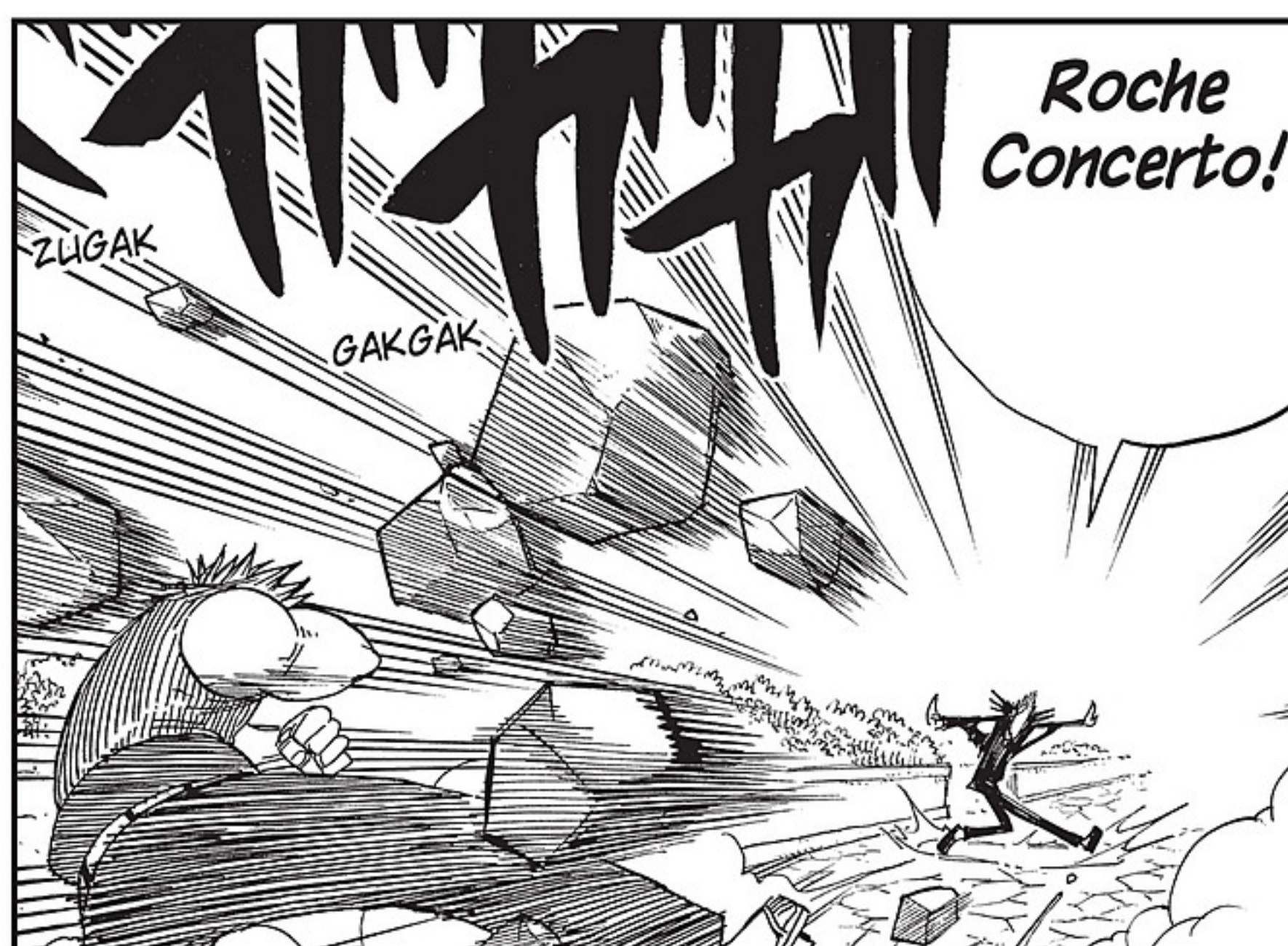


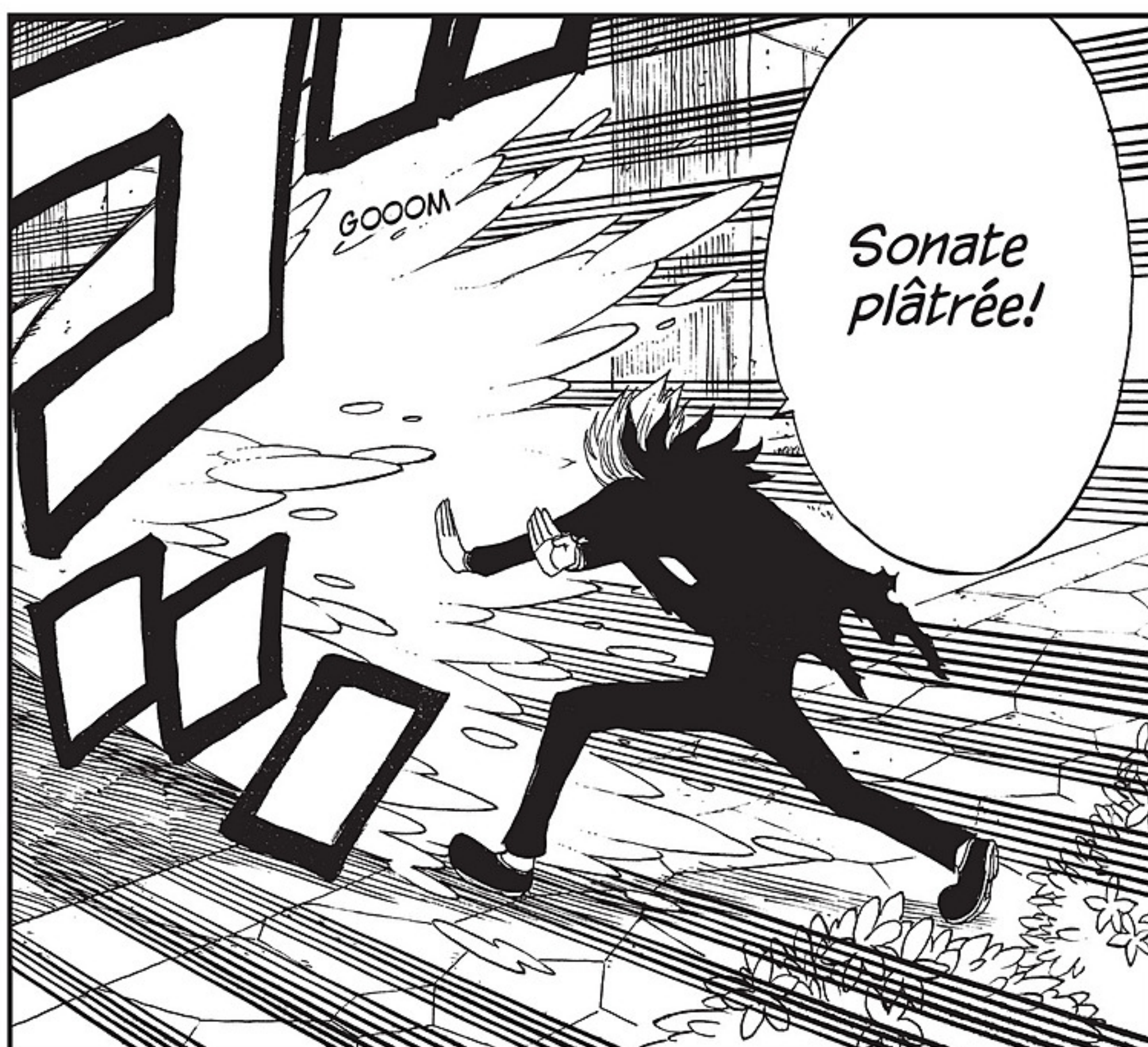
Sable Dance, page 137

Sable is French for "sand."

Roche Concerto, page 138

Roche is French for "rock."





***Sonate plâtrée*, page 142**

Sonate plâtrée is French for "Plaster sonata."



***Quoi?*, page 146**

Of course, *quoi* means "what" in French.



maneki neko, page 190

Most Japanese businesses have a ceramic cat figure with one paw raised in a “come here”-like invitation and a traditional-style gold coin held close to its body. It is a good-luck charm made especially for businesses (but other establishments may also use it). The raised paw is an invitation for customers to come and the gold coin represents financial success.

Circles/triangles/X-marks, page 191

After Mashima-sensei describes his methods for staying awake, he gives them a rating. This rating is very common among Japanese. The circle ◎ represents a yes vote, or a stamp of approval. The triangle △ represents a flawed answer that may have good points, but doesn't really cut it. The no vote, or an answer that is completely wrong, is represented by an X-mark, X.

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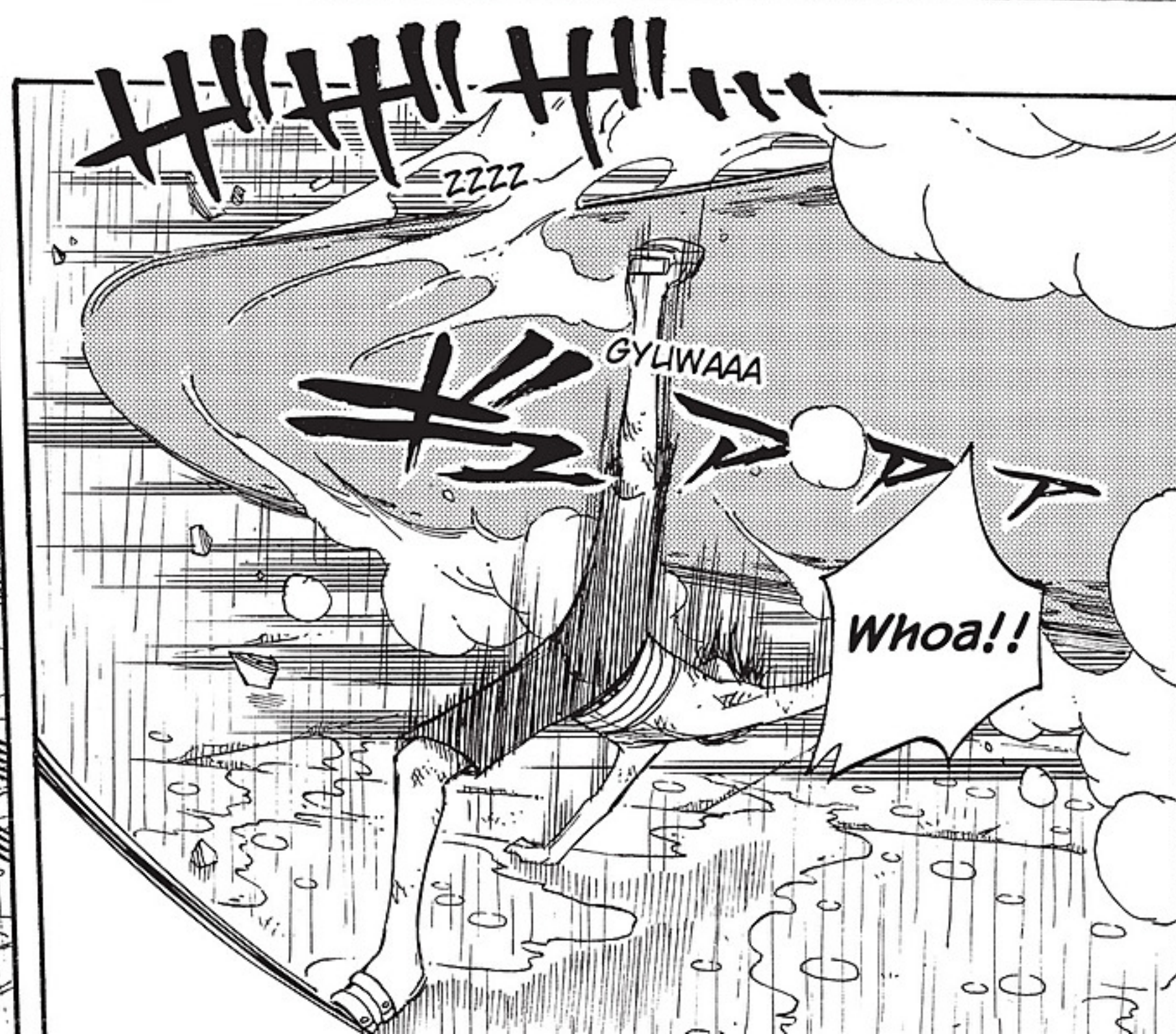
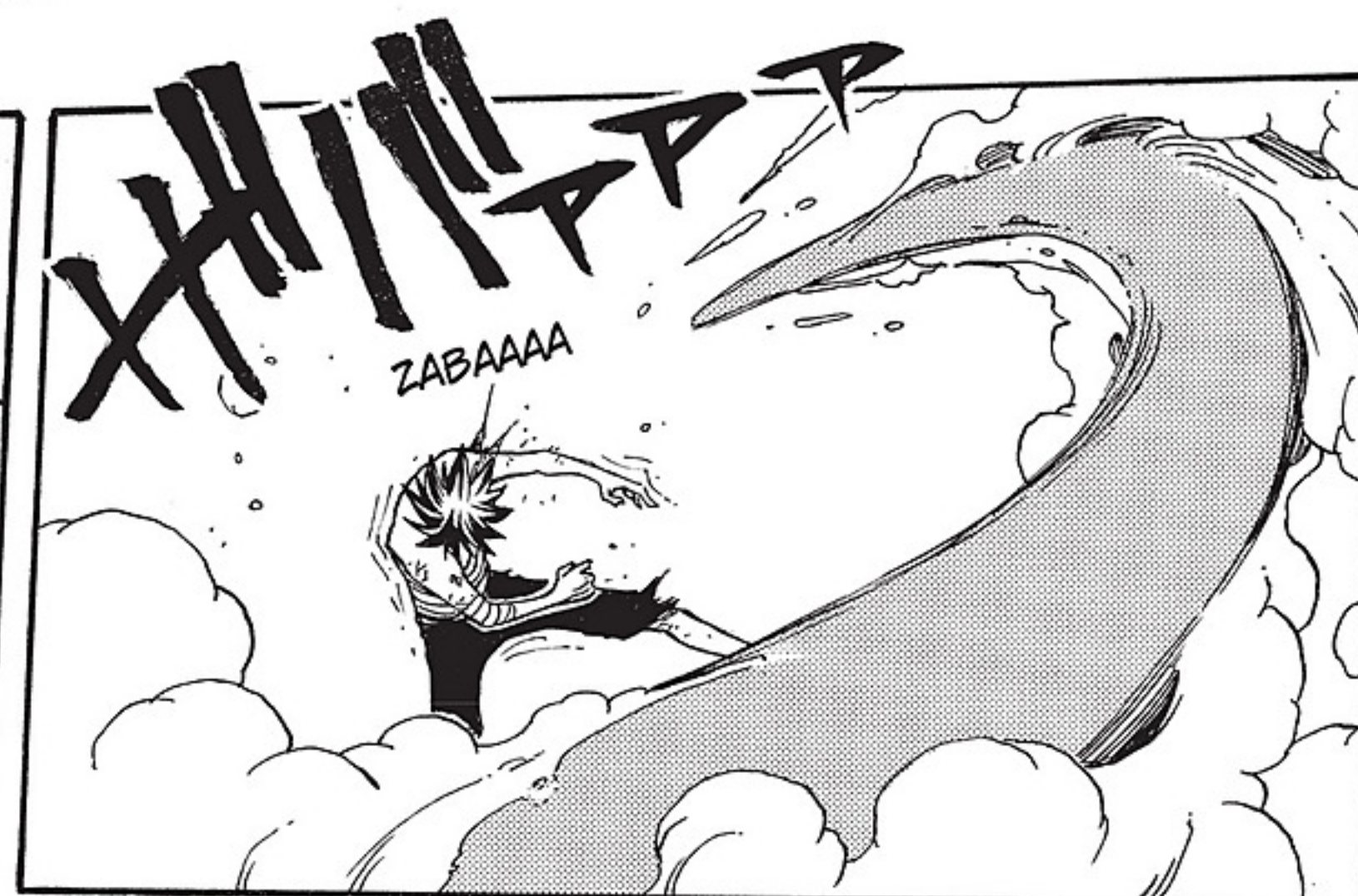
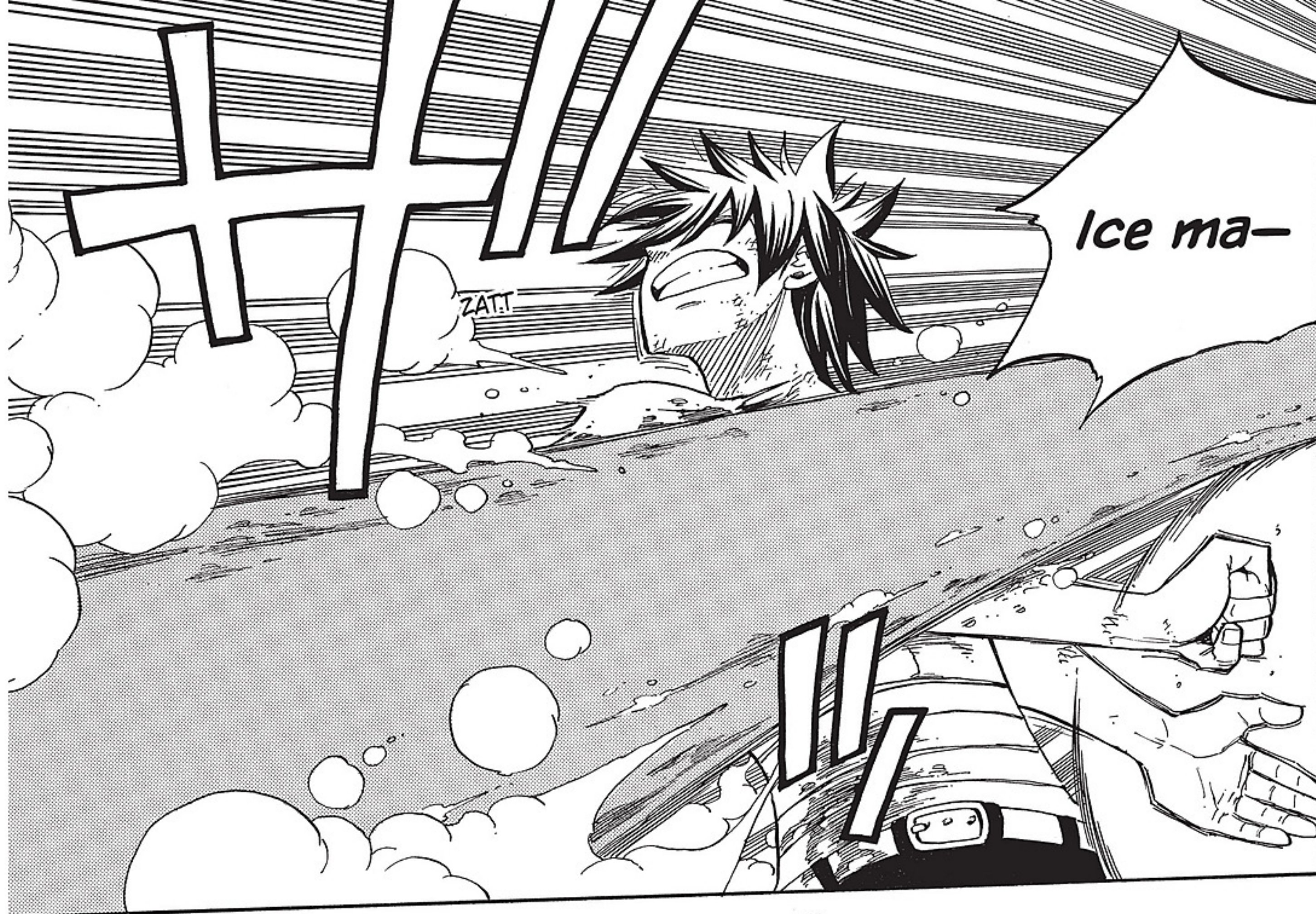


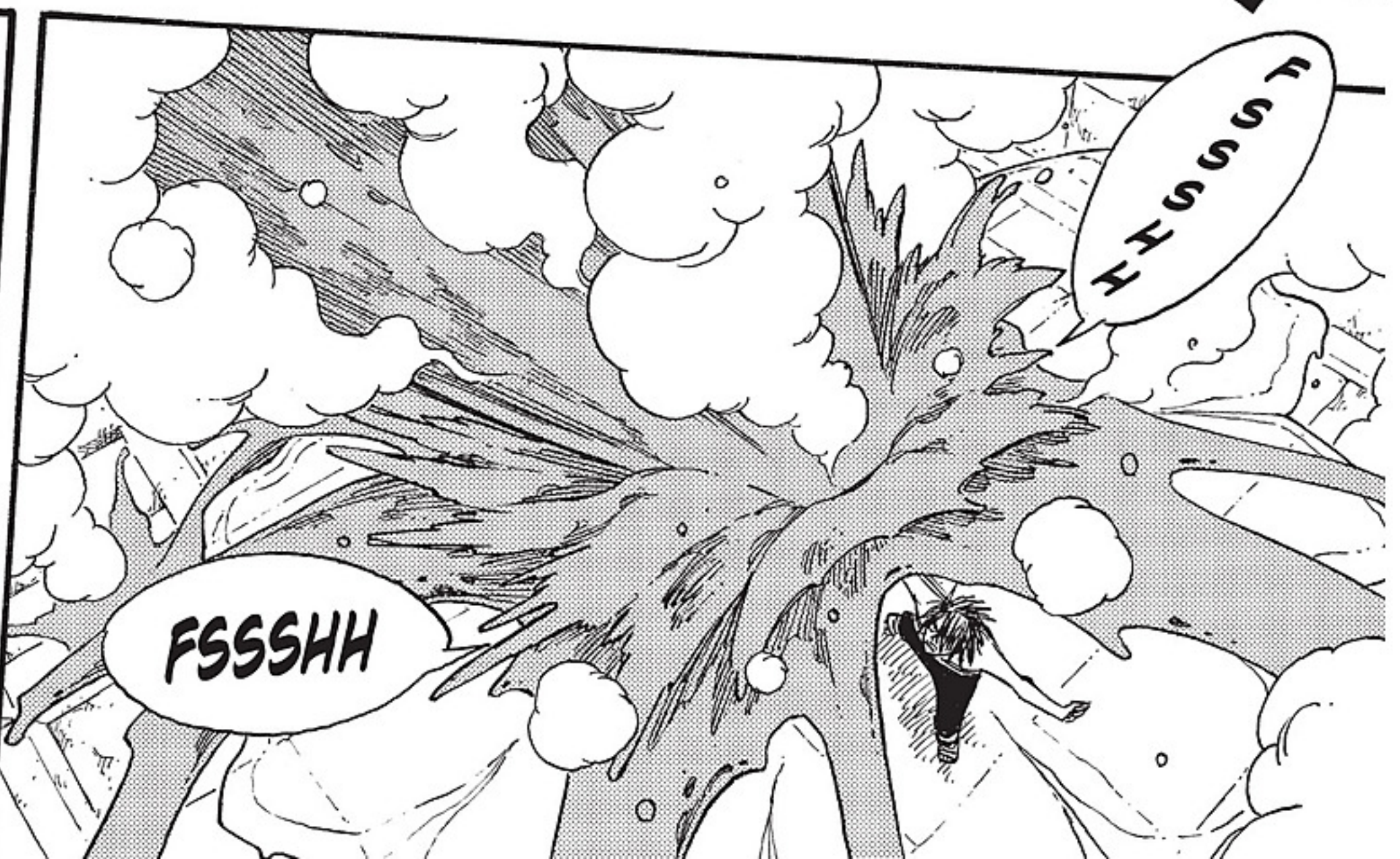


**I went to a signing in Taiwan!!
They gave me such a warm
and passionate welcome!
Some of the fans even brought
me bouquets of flowers!
Really! I was so happy to
be able to have such close
contact with the fans!
I got carried away and
shouted, “Everybody!! I love
you all!” For some reason,
that got printed in the local
newspapers.**

—Hiro Mashima







Juvia is
boiling
with hot
jealousy!!!

What's
that sup-
posed to
mean?!!

どろろおい...
DRRIPP

Gwaaahhh
!!!

ZUSH

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BWASH

Kh!!

SHHHUSH

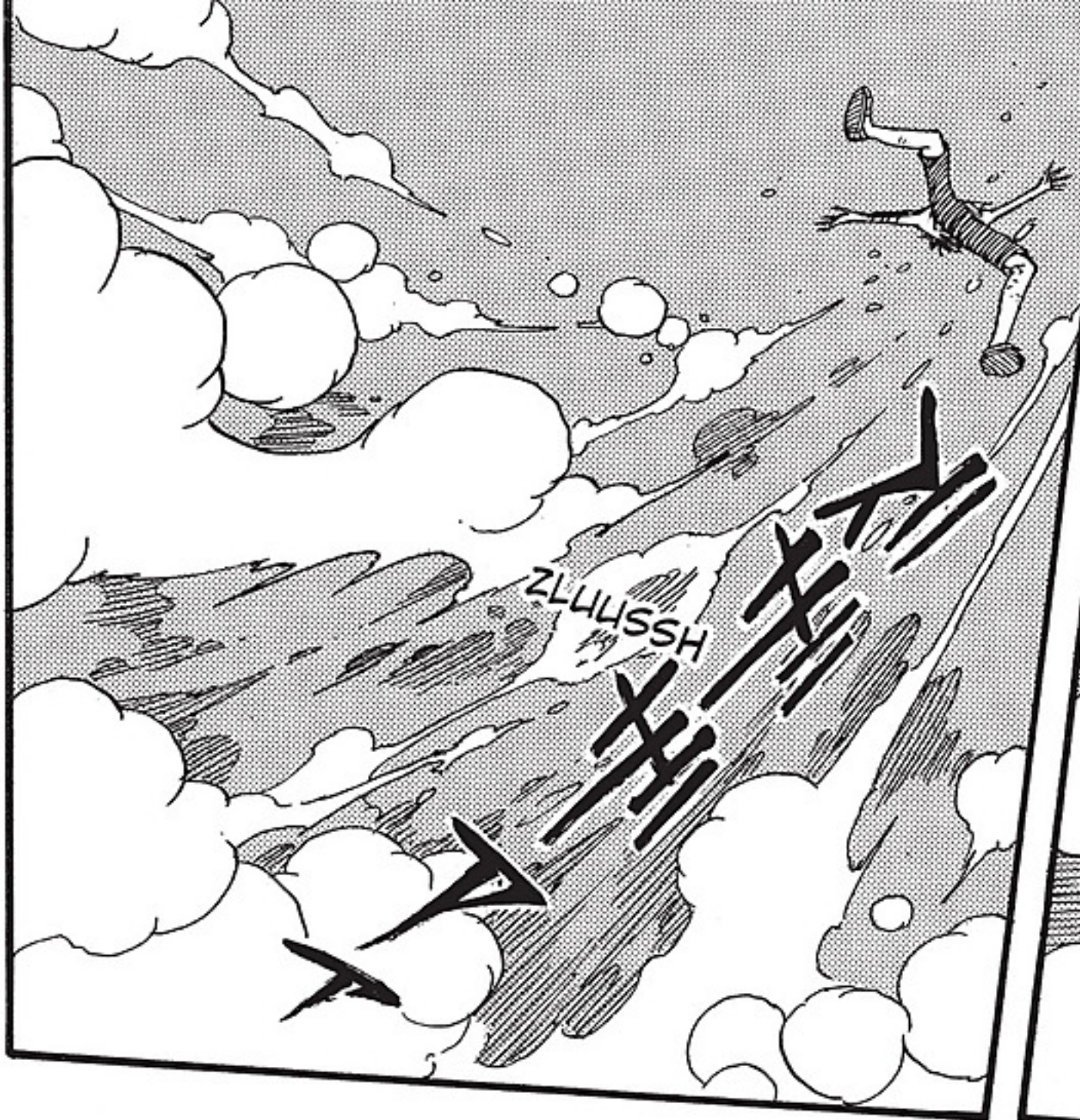
SHHHUSH

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It's
burning
my
skin...

It's
so
hot...



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